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Peres, Arafat resuming Taba meet today

DAVID MAKOVSKY and JON IMMANUEL

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat will meet this evening in Taba in a bid to resolve outstanding issues that block an accord that would expand Palestinian autonomy throughout the territories.

While Peres and Arafat may continue their talks through Friday, there is no expectation that all issues will be resolved this week. Rather, it is possible that the two will have to meet next week if they are to attain a September 18 White House signing.

Both Israelis and Palestinians are likely to want to wrap up their negotiations before the High Holy Days, lest they lose momentum during a pause that could take up much of the next month, sources said.

The agenda for the Peres-Arafat talks remain IDF redeployment in the Hebron area, the release of Palestinian prisoners, water, and the participation of east Jerusalem residents in elections for a self-rule council.

In talks at the Prime Minister's office last night in preparation for today's Peres-Arafat meeting, the government decided to insist on full IDF presence in Hebron and rejected the idea that the IDF deploy only in the Jewish neighborhoods, Israel Radio reported.

At the continuing Eilat talks, Maj.-Gen. Abdel Razak Yahya, co-chairman of the security committee, said maps provided by Israel had proved helpful in understanding Israel's position on villages.

"We did not know if they were talking of municipalities only or village councils, too, or if they also include areas where there are buildings, but no village council," he said.

The PA will agree to "gradual," but not "partial," redeployment in Hebron, and will not hold elections until all Israeli soldiers have vacated the city, according to Mayor Mustafa Natshe.

He said that "there must be no Israeli authority in Hebron. Settlers, if they wish to stay, may live under Palestinian rule," and quoted Arafat as saying "I will not agree to partial redeployment."

The final status of the Israelis in Hebron would be decided in final-status talks, Natshe said.

Kiryat Arba Local Council head Zvi Katzover said this is not feasible. "We did not return to the Land of Israel after 2,000 years to obey Palestinian police," he said on Channel 1.

Meanwhile, Channel 1 played footage of a videotape of a recent speech in Gaza in which Arafat said the Israelis are mistaken if they think the Palestinians have no alternative to negotiations.

"We will fight to the last child for Palestinian flags to be flown over the mosques of Jerusalem," he said.

The tape was supplied by Likud MK Ze'ev Begin.

Lamia Lahoud contributed to this report.



Police and Hevra Kadisha personnel carry away the covered body of Daniel Frei from his home in Ma'aleh Michmash yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

Ma'aleh Michmash stab victim buried

HUNDREDS of people attended the Jerusalem funeral late last night of Daniel Frei, 28, a computer engineer killed early in the morning, apparently by a terrorist who broke into his home in Ma'aleh Michmash, about a 10-minute ride from the Jerusalem neighborhood of Pisgat Ze'ev.

His wife, Mara, 29, was also seriously wounded, and was listed in serious but stable condition at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem. Mara, who was five months pregnant, suffered multiple stab wounds to her lung, liver, and arm. She lost her fetus.

The couple's 18-month-old daughter was asleep in the home at the time of the attack, and was not harmed.

The couple's parents flew in from abroad for the funeral at the Har Hamenuhot cemetery. Frei immigrated from London in 1991, and his wife immigrated from Chicago around the same time.

According to police and military sources, at around 2:30 a.m. a terrorist broke into the house through the sliding glass back door. Frei apparently heard a noise, went to see what it was and was stabbed. Mara also came out of the bedroom, and was stabbed. The terrorist then fled.

"At around 2:30, Mara came to our door, pounded on the door, and shouted, 'Wake up, wake up, I'm bleeding,'" said Jeff Schneiderman, who lives in the house next door to Frei.

"I opened the door and saw her bleeding profusely. She sat down on the floor and started calling for her daughter."

Schneiderman said he ran to the house and saw Frei's body

HERB KEINON

laying in a pool of blood. He then ran to another neighbor to get help. "I ran back into the [Frei] house and took out their daughter," Schneiderman said.

During this time, Schneiderman's wife, Marsha, was calling the emergency services in the settlement. A doctor went to the house, checked the body, and told the neighbors that Frei had been killed.

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Police and soldiers rushed to the settlement and began searches behind the home, which is situated on the community's perimeter.

"This is a horrible murder," OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran told reporters at the scene. "Our assumption is that it was a hostile terrorist action."

An anonymous caller later telephoned a news agency in Jerusalem and claimed responsibility for the attack in the name of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

"This operation is our reply to the arrest a week ago of three of our activists in Ramallah and the continued detention by the forces of occupation of Mustafa Katamish," the caller said.

Katamish, a member of the PFLP politburo, has been in an Israeli jail for the past three years.

Yesterday was the day set for a hearing in the High Court of a petition by Katamish's lawyers, who hoped to prevent a renewal of his detention order next month.

Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij

condemned the killing, and Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe said that although it was not clear who the killer is, he condemns all killings of civilians.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said he is not certain the attack was related to the peace process. "There was terror before the peace, and if there won't be peace there will be more terror. It happened in an area which is under our responsibility," he said in an interview with Israel Radio.

According to Peace Watch, Frei is the 149th terror victim since the signing of the Oslo Accords in September 1993.

Zo Artzena protesters blocked two intersections in the territories as an act of protest last night. In Jerusalem, police kept a group of protesters from blocking the entrance to the city.

Ma'aleh Michmash residents said that two weeks ago, four cars parked on the street in front of the Frei home, including Frei's car, were burglarized. Some in the settlement said this may have been a "dry run" to check out security in settlement.

There is no fence around the settlement, and Frei's home looks immediately onto a nearby Beduin encampment. A dirt road runs a few meters from the back door.

"The question is not whether there is a fence or whether it is high enough," said Yehuda Pinsky, deputy head of the Binyamin Regional Council. "The question is if next to every settlement there will be Palestinian police, and there will be a city of refuge to which they can escape."

Pinsky said that tracks at the scene lead in the direction of Jericho.

Apparently working on this assumption, the IDF set up roadblocks on area roads leading to Jericho.

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South African FM to visit next week

DAVID MAKOVSKY

SOUTH African Foreign Minister Alfred Nzo will be arriving on Tuesday. It will be the first top-level visit by an official of the post-apartheid government, Israeli officials confirmed.

Nzo, who is to also meet with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Gaza, is scheduled to remain here through next Saturday.

Israel and South Africa used to be allies with an extensive security relationship, but ties have been strained since Nelson Mandela's government took over.

"There have been strains due to the special relationship in the past with Pretoria, which caused problems with the ANC," said Alon Liel, ambassador to South Africa from 1992-1994 and now director-general of the Economics and Planning Ministry. "An-

other problem in the past was the ANC's links to the PLO. However, since Oslo, I hope there will now be a different perspective."

South Africa agreed earlier this year to the opening of a PLO embassy in Pretoria.

One difference likely to surface to during Nzo's visit is South Africa's decision to store Iranian oil on its soil. This has also been a sore point with the US.

More friction could occur if Nzo decides to visit Orient House. While there are rumors that Nzo plans such a visit, this has yet to be confirmed.

"This is a new beginning," said Zvi Mazal, Foreign Ministry deputy director-general for African affairs. "We can examine the problems, but we can also look to the future."

France carries out nuclear test

PARIS (Reuters) - France carried out a nuclear test at Mururoa Atoll in the South Pacific yesterday, the Defense Ministry announced.

The blast took place at 2330 GMT, according to an official communique, and was equivalent to less than 20 kilotons.

Police to begin live testing of new distance-speed monitor

JUDY SIEGEL

IF you speed or tailgate in Netanya, Kfar Sava or Petah Tikva during the next six months, the likelihood of your being caught in the act by a policeman and slapped with a fine will be nearly 100 percent.

These three cities have been chosen by the Transport Ministry's Road Safety Administration (RSA) and the Israel Police for the first comprehensive, long-term test of the MAROM (the Hebrew acronym for distance-speed monitor), which its developers believe can cut road-accident casualties by 30 percent if used throughout the country. The test may also be conducted in Ra'anana.

The computerized, electro-optical monitor, developed by a team of researchers at the Research Center for Driving Safety and Injury Prevention (RCDSIP) at the Jerusalem College of Technology, uses invisible infra-red beams and a built-in video camera to capture the image of license plates of all vehicles that violate the law.

It works night or day in all but the most stormy weather, and can easily be moved from one location to another. Its presence cannot be sensed by radar detectors.

The device, invented eight years ago, was developed with funding from Drivers' Safety Systems Limited (DDS), a company established by two pro-Israel British benefactors who refused to make a profit from their investment and offered it first to Israel.

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Convict client slays lawyer

RAINE MARCUS

LAWYER Avi Oren was shot dead in his Petah Tikva office Monday night by a criminal whom he had helped get furloughs from prison.

The criminal, Arye Mehurash, then locked himself in the office and held police at bay all night before surrendering in the early morning.

Mehurash killed Oren at around 8:30 p.m., half an hour after he entered the lawyer's office. But police and anti-terror squad units only realized for certain that Oren had been killed shortly after 2 a.m., when Mehurash asked for forgiveness from the victim's sister-in-law.

Oren, 48, leaves behind a wife and three children.

Despite repeated protests by police, who sought to prevent the furloughs by arguing that Mehurash was violent and a threat to the public, he was released following Oren's many letters to the police and Prisons Service guaranteeing his good behavior.

The drama began at around 8 p.m. Monday when Oren's friend, Eli Gal, phoned him in his office.

"He was telling someone to put his gun down," said Gal. "You'll only complicate matters and get yourself in trouble," he said.

Oren reportedly told his client that he would give him the NIS 4,500 he wanted. Sources said that Mehurash kept a "trust fund" with his lawyer and took money from him during furloughs.

Mehurash used a silencer on what police believe was a stolen

gun, and intended taking his own life afterwards.

However, police units, headed by Central District commander Shlomo Aharonishky and Sharon chief Bertie Ohayon, were determined to bring Mehurash out alive.

"We are not an assassination squad," said Ohayon. "He did not endanger the lives of anyone around him."

A special police negotiating squad, talking to Mehurash through the open but barred window in the ground-floor office, tried to persuade him to hand over his gun and surrender. Mehurash threatened to shoot himself on several occasions, before eventually surrendering.

"Don't do it, Arye," the police negotiating squad told him, when Mehurash placed his pistol in his mouth.

Despite the use of sophisticated electronic equipment to determine the number of people in the office, police could not say for sure whether he had killed Oren.

Then, after midnight, Mehurash agreed to speak to Oren's sister-in-law, reporter Yael Fishbein. "I'm sorry I killed him," he reportedly told her.

At around 5 a.m., Mehurash, apparently exhausted, asked police for a towel to cover his face and handed over his pistol and ammunition before surrendering.

He had wrecked Oren's office after killing him, apparently searching for money.

A huge crowd, including MKs, lawyers and clients, attended Oren's funeral at Segula cemetery yesterday afternoon.



Daniel and Mara Frei with their daughter Rachel, photographed in May of this year. (Brian Hendler)

Levy willing to make concession on Golan

SARAH HONIG

MK DAVID Levy launched his bid yesterday to run for prime minister by distancing himself both from the government and the Likud opposition.

Levy said he would favor "some territorial concessions" on the Golan, and that he "might, under certain circumstances," be willing to talk to Yasser Arafat.

But he gave no details about just what sort of concessions he might consider on the Golan and under what circumstances he would agree to deal with Arafat.

Levy sent his supporters yesterday to collect signatures for a petition that would put his name on the ballot for prime minister.

In order to qualify as a candidate one needs either the backing of a Knesset faction of at least 10 MKs, or 50,000 signatures.

Levy has no Knesset faction at all, but announced last night that he "is certain he will have no less than 100,000 signatures" on his petition.

Levy's most scathing criticism was reserved for the government,

which he characterized as "so confused, it has no idea where it is heading."

"None of the ministers has any notion where they are leading this nation, and so obviously the people cannot figure any of this out either."

"The fact is that the one place to which this government is headed is disaster."

"Notions that the extent of peace will determine the extent of withdrawal means that the entire Golan is being sacrificed without even so much as security arrangements."

He said it must be stressed that no settlement will be removed and that Israel would accept nothing less than a united Jerusalem under Israeli sovereignty. As for the Likud, Levy argued that "it does not detail how it would handle things."

"It is wishful thinking to argue that you can keep the entire Golan and have peace too."

"Menachem Begin was a moderate and I am following in his footsteps," he declared.

Golders Green mourns its son

DOUGLAS DAVIS LONDON

GOLDERS Green, the predominantly Jewish suburb of north-west London where Danny Frei grew up, was grieving yesterday for the tall, fair, charismatic young man who was remembered for his idealism, scholarship, and integrity, and, above all, his sense of fun.

"He was so lively, so vivacious, so enthusiastic about everything he did," said a teacher who knew him well during the five years he spent at the Hasmonaean Grammar high school in London. "He believed very strongly in his ideals and he had a very powerful, positive influence on his peer group."

"Danny was simply exhilarating to be with," recalled a friend who spent two years with him at the Kerem B'Yavneh yeshiva after they left school. "He was dynamic, exciting, and full of fun, but he also took his responsibilities very seriously. He was a very special person and people were attracted to him naturally."

Frei also had a powerful impact on the professors at London University's Imperial College, one of the most prestigious scientific institutes in Britain. After returning from yeshiva, he applied to study computer sciences and was one of just 18 students from throughout the country who was selected.

But there was never any doubt that Danny would emigrate to Israel the moment he felt he was able to support himself. "I remember taking him to kindergarten when he was three or four years old," said a family friend. "I looked at his sandals and thought, 'There goes a real halutznik [pioneer].'"

"Danny should have celebrated his 29th birthday next week," lamented a friend. "He should have grown old in a family as warm and as loving as the one he left in London."

By-pass roads won't block redeployment - Ben-Eliezer

BY-PASS roads in Judea and Samaria will not be an obstacle to IDF redeployment, Housing Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer said yesterday. He said the road by-passing Tulkarm has been completed and that those around Jenin and Ramallah would be finished on time.

There is a problem regarding some 900 meters of the Bethlehem by-pass road, he said, though he is hopeful this would also be resolved in the near future.

David Ridge

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The weekly meeting of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today, 1 p.m., at the YMCA, King David Street. The speaker will be Rehm Fazelbakh, past honorary secretary for education of the National Association for the Blind in Bombay, India.

'Death of an idealist'

HERB KEINON

THE back door of Daniel Frei's house looks out on a pastoral view of rolling hills, which Frei liked to hike while carrying his one-year-old daughter, Rachel, on his back.

It was through that back door that the alleged terrorist broke into Frei's home in the middle of the night, slit his throat and seriously wounded his wife, who was five months pregnant.

"More was lost last night than Danny's life and the life of his unborn child," said Sara Rigler, a friend who knew him when he made aliya in 1991.

"The Arabs killed not only the idealist, but his ideals."

The ideals that propelled the 28-year-old computer engineer to make aliya from London in the middle of the Gulf War in 1991 was an intense love of the land.

According to Rigler, Frei believed that Jews have the right to live anywhere in Israel, but "the possibility of a Palestinian entity in their midst did not frighten him."

Rigler said Frei began to lose hope in the peace process last year, after a concrete block was thrown through the car of a window he was riding in, and after his own car was stoned while he was driving back home.

Frei graduated Hasmonaean Grammar, a Jewish high school in north London, and from Imperial College. Before beginning his college studies he studied for two years at Yeshivat Kerem

B'Yavneh.

He met his wife, Mara, who immigrated from Chicago, when she was a student at Hebrew University, and they were married in the summer of 1992.

In addition to his wife and daughter, Frei is survived by his parents, who flew in yesterday for the funeral, and three sisters, two of whom live here and one who is on a one-year study program.

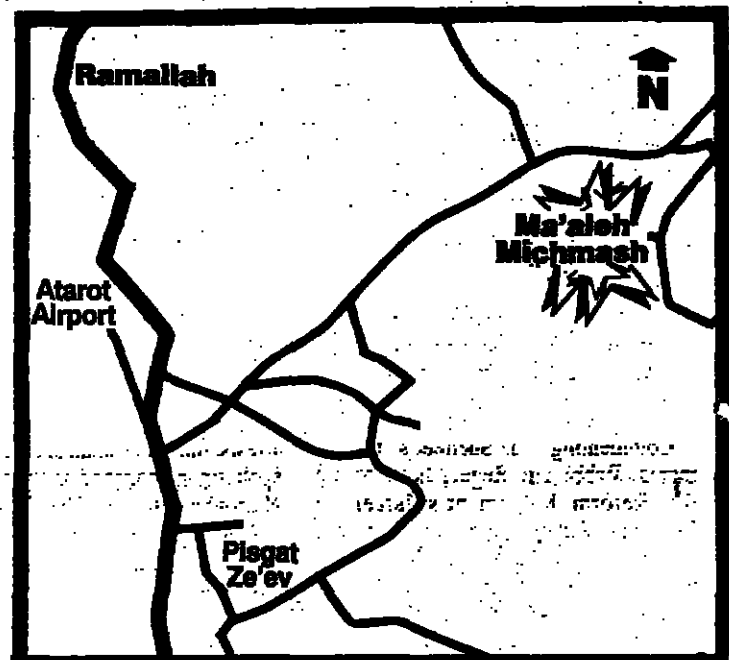
Frei worked as a computer software engineer at Newa Datacom in Jerusalem.

The Freis were scheduled to fly to Chicago last night for a visit to his wife's family. Instead, Mara's family flew here for the funeral.

Daniel Carasso, another friend of Frei on Ma'aleh Michmash, described him as an "amazing person. He was always smiling. Everybody loved him. His trademark was to say every Shabbat, 'Haim, Haim, to life, goodness, and peace.'"

Frei, according to Carasso, did not have a gun because "he thought it was a dangerous thing to have. He was a lover of humanity who couldn't picture hurting anybody."

Marsha Schneiderman, the next-door neighbor, described him as "physically very strong, very healthy. He took care of himself, loved to hike," she said. "He was always going on hikes with his daughter on his back, putting sunscreen on her face. He was always a real optimist."



Ma'aleh Michmash, where Daniel and Mara Frei were stabbed.

STAB VICTIM

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Ma'aleh Michmash is a religious settlement that sits on the Alosa road north-east of Jerusalem. Some 110 families live there, including about 30 from English-speaking countries.

"We are here to stay," Schneiderman said, when asked what impact the attack will have on the community. "We will continue to build the settlement. Danny would not have wanted it any other way."

Efraim Tzur, one of the first residents of the settlement when it was founded 14 years ago, said some people waiting to move into permanent housing may be scared away after the attack. Others, he said, will only be strengthened in their resolve to stay, "to continue with their lives and build the community."

The attack was the first inside a settlement in Judea and Samaria since July 1, 1994, when Yaron Sakuni was fatally wounded when a terrorist broke into his home in Kiryat Netanim, near Ariel, in the middle of the night and stabbed him.

Rozzi Florsheim, who lives near the Frei family, said the attack is

bound to make people more worried, "but no one is going to go pack their suitcase and move. If that's the case, then we can't go to Ramot Eshkol, Dizengoff, or Afula."

After the attack, the settlement's well-practiced emergency measures were put into action, with loudspeakers telling residents of the attack and to stay in their homes. The Binyamin Regional Council brought in psychologists and social workers to deal with the fears of children and residents.

The settlement's secretariat handed out a leaflet in the morning to each resident explaining what happened, and advising them how to answer children's questions.

"We advise that you tell children the details of the attack, as we have laid them out above, to dispel any rumors. It is important to give children the opportunity to express their feelings in the way they are able to, but on the other hand, it is important to stress the importance of continuing with the daily routine."

Jon Immanuel contributed to this report.

TESTING

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However, due to years of skepticism, red tape, and government inertia, the MAROM had to wait until now for a major test here. Instead, Costa Rica was the first country to test it.

RSA director Othniel Schneller said yesterday that he is optimistic that the MAROM test will succeed in significantly changing Israeli drivers' behavior and reducing road casualties, but that "we still must test it and document the results."

Each MAROM will be manned

by a single policeman. About 500 meters down the road from where the MAROM unit is located, the policeman gets a video photo of the violation and the violator's license plate. He can then flag the violator down.

During the first three weeks of the experiment, speeders and drivers who don't keep a safe distance behind another vehicle will get away with a warning, but after that, they will be fined several hundred shekels. If they keep repeating their offenses, their licenses could be suspended or even canceled.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Jewish population in territories up 3.9%

The Jewish population of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza increased by some 5,000, or 3.9 percent, in the first half of the year, to reach 133,000 people, according to data released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

The country's population stood at 5,533,000, an increase of 1.1% over the end of 1994. Some 60% of the increase was due to natural growth; the rest to immigration.

Continuing a trend started in 1991, the South was the area inside the Green Line with the largest increase - 2.1%, or 15,000 people - reaching some 750,000, or 13.6% of the country's population.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Zehava Ben to perform in Gaza

Singer Zehava Ben will appear before Gaza Palestinians next week, the first Israeli performer to do so. "It's my first time there, and I'm very excited," Ben told Channel 1 Tuesday of her planned concert before a Palestinian audience in Gaza City. "I have a lot of admirers there and I receive many letters and telephone calls from them."

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The funeral took place on Monday, in Efrat.

Shiva at 36a Hagefen, Efrat.

הגדה של פסח

Shetreet slams Rabbinate over conversion conditions

HAIM SHAPIRO

RELIGIOUS Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet criticized the Chief Rabbinate yesterday for making conditions more difficult for non-Jews who wish to convert to Judaism.

Shetreet, on a tour of the Jezreel Valley, said the Rabbinate was demanding that those who wished to convert to Judaism adapt a haredi way of life. This was also true for families who wanted to convert infants adopted abroad, he added. The minister was asked about conversion because many of the kibbutzim and moshavim in the area have non-Jewish members who would like to become Jews.

Shetreet said he was not authorized to interfere in matters of halacha, but at the same time could not help but compare the present chief rabbis with others in the past, such as the late Rabbi Shlomo Goren, who had encouraged conversion to Judaism. He said that even those who observed Shabbat were unable to convert.

He said he had allocated a special budget to allow the Tsomet Institute to act as a conversion institute. The Tsomet Institute, headed by Rabbi Yisrael Rosen, is based in Alon Shvut and deals with issues of halacha, ethics and technology.

According to Shetreet, there are about 1,000 conversions to Judaism in Israel each year. At the same time, he added, there are 150,000 people whose Jewish lineage is in question and who would thus be potential candidates for conversion.

Commenting on Shetreet's remarks, Rabbi Uri Regav, head of the Reform Movement's Israel Religious Action Center, said he welcomed Shetreet's courage and willingness to tell the truth. Regav said it was well-known that there were two schools of thought regarding conversion, both of which within the accepted rabbinical interpretation of halacha.

On the one hand, Regav said, there was the view of the late Sephardi chief rabbi, Ben-Zion Meir Hai Uziel, who ruled that it was not only permitted but a mitzva to accept a convert, even if we know that the convert would not carry out all the mitzvot. According to Uziel, the rabbinical court does not have to know whether the convert will perform all the mitzvot.

On the other hand, Regav said, was the view of the late Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, who ruled that not only did the rabbinical court have to demand that the convert observe all the mitzvot, but was obligated to retroactively cancel the conversion if it found that the convert did not do so.

Regav noted that Uziel made his ruling against a background of many mixed marriages in which the non-Jewish partner or the children wished to become Jewish. Unfortunately, Regav added, that is the situation today, but the chief rabbis chose instead to follow the view of Feinstein.

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron, who is in charge of the rabbinical courts, was not available for comment.

Ethiopia approves Israeli ambassador

THE Ethiopian government has approved the selection of Avi Granot as the next ambassador. A delay in receiving the acceptance by the Foreign Ministry led to rumors of a crisis in relations with Ethiopia, reportedly unhappy that Foreign Minister Shimon Peres had cancelled visits.

After the approval was received, Zvi Mazal, deputy director-general for African affairs, said the delay was connected to the change of governments in Ethiopia two weeks ago.

He added that his office would soon be discussing a date for a Peres visit with the Ethiopians. (Itm)



Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur (right) and JNF director-general Itzhak Elyashiv inspect the newly reborn Hula Lake. (Flash 90)

JNF completes second stage of recreating Hula marsh

DAVID RUDGE

THE Jewish National Fund has completed work on the second stage of recreating a marshland in the heart of the Hula Valley.

After nearly two years of development work, costing NIS 40 million, a network of canals and pools similar to the Florida Everglades has been created in a 1,000-dunam (250 acre) section of the valley. A further NIS 15m. is to be spent on completing access roads and planting water plants, bushes, and trees.

The development work has included rerouting part of the Jordan River to its original path into the valley. The river was diverted

to help drain the Hula in the 1950s.

Nevertheless, JNF officials stressed yesterday that they are not turning back the clock, but going forward.

"What was done in the 1950s had to be done to meet the needs of that time. Today, however, the requirements are different, and we have adapted to these changing needs," said Bunny Alexandroni, of the JNF's spokesman's office.

JNF director-general Itzhak Elyashiv said the Hula develop-

ment is the biggest ecological project being carried out in the country.

Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur visited the site yesterday to see the work that has been done and assess the prospects for the future, including developing new forms of farming around the newly formed wetland and turning the site into a major tourist attraction.

The newly recreated lake has already become a popular fishing spot, and there are plans to make this one of the permanent

attractions.

The site has also attracted hundreds of species of birds, who have found either temporary or permanent homes on its numerous little islands. They, in turn, are attracting naturalists.

JNF officials expect the area to become a major tourism site in the future, with the development of various attractions by local entrepreneurs, including restaurants, guest houses, and other facilities.

There are also plans to establish a geological and nature research center at the site, the officials added.

Indyk's absence from opening of Jerusalem 3000 fires government

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

THE government reacted angrily to the diplomatic no-shows at Monday night's opening festivities of the Jerusalem 3000 celebration. Especially vexing was the absence of US Ambassador Martin Indyk.

Ambassadors from 70 nations were invited to the ceremony, but the Foreign Ministry said only 17 showed up - mostly from smaller countries.

Spokeswoman Aliza Goren said Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was unhappy that the ceremony had been "abandoned" by diplomats, including Indyk.

"It's not new," Goren said. "We know the policy of most countries toward Jerusalem. Of course, our aim is to change it."

Indyk said he was busy with a Labor Day barbecue and a benefit for a women's shelter in Herzliya.

"The US government did not boycott the Jerusalem 3000 festival and is not boycotting the Jerusalem 3000 festival," he said.

Indyk said the embassy sent a

senior cultural affairs official to the ceremony, and that there would be "ample opportunities" for the US to participate in festivities in the coming months.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert said the US decision to stay away shows that "Jerusalem is like an open wound in the relations between us and the United States." He blamed the boycott on the State Department and "elements who have traditionally not been our greatest friends."

Economics Minister Yossi Beilin said the American absence was "sad and a pity."

But he also said it was a "moment of truth" that underlined that the status quo is not acceptable.

"What happened was a shocking truth for many people who think that what we need to do ... is to leave the situation in Jerusalem as it is," he said. "We need to come to a situation where in the final arrangement, the world will recognize Jerusalem as our capital."

Supreme Court to hear appeal today of Kikos murderer

AMIR ROZENBLIT and Itm

THE Supreme Court is to hear the appeal today of Suleiman Abeid, who was convicted of murdering Ofakim teenager Hanit Kikos two years ago and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Abeid, who is mildly retarded, was convicted of the murder by the Beersheba District Court last year based mainly on his confession that he had raped and killed Kikos and thrown her body into the Duda'im garbage dump in Beersheba.

He immediately appealed the conviction, with his lawyer, Avigdor Feldman, noting the confession was not backed by any solid evidence. His request to be released on bail pending his appeal was denied.

Earlier this summer, Kikos's body was found in a drainage pit in a totally different location. Feldman immediately turned to

the Supreme Court and demanded that his client be acquitted, claiming that the location of the body totally undermined the basis for the conviction.

In reviewing the transcripts of Abeid's questioning-by-police, prosecutors noted that Abeid had, in fact, given several different versions of what he had done with the body.

In addition to mentioning the garbage dump, he had told of dumping her body near a road in the Sdeh Teiman area, and of throwing the body "in a well."

As a result, the State Attorney's Office, in a brief to the court, said the discovery of the body in the pit did not necessarily prove that Abeid was not guilty. The office recommended that the case be returned to the Beersheba District Court to rehear the case.

Knesset panel wants outside check of Tunuva long-life milk

JUDY SIEGEL

KNESSET Economic Committee chairman MK Tzahi Hanegbi has asked Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss for funds to establish an independent body that would determine whether Tunuva added the anti-foaming agent dimethyl siloxane to its long-life milk.

Hanegbi told *The Jerusalem Post* that it was difficult for the committee, which met in special session yesterday to discuss the controversy raised by a *Ma'ariv* investigation, to determine the truth on its own.

The Consumer Protection Agency, which helped the Hebrew daily get the milk tested, insisted that the silicone compound had indeed been added to the milk, while Tunuva officials declared it has been used only to

clean equipment, and that no traces were left when milk was being processed.

"We need a professional team, unaffiliated either to Tunuva or the consumer organization or the Health Ministry, to investigate," Hanegbi said. "The ministry cannot do this, because it is supposed to supervise food production and is itself involved."

At the committee session, held in Tel Aviv because the Knesset is in recess, a representative of the Consumer Protection Agency presented a taped phone conversation with Tunuva official Yitzhak Ben-David, in which he apparently confirmed that the silicone compound was being added to the milk itself and not used only for cleaning machines.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Amit receiving threatening letters

Jerusalem police chief Arye Amit has received a series of anonymous letters containing threats to kill him and his family because of the police's allegedly violent treatment of right-wing protesters, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Police have opened an investigation, but have yet to make arrests, the spokesman said. The letters include what the spokesman described as "profane language," and label Amit a "Nazi who deserves to be killed."

Last month, several dozen protesters attacked Amit during a Zo Atzmaut demonstration near the Prime Minister's Office. Amit, slightly injured, had to be rescued from the crowd by an anti-riot squad. Bill Huttman

Doctor's remand extended

The remand of Dr. Shimon Erdman, head of the Pacemaker Unit at Holon's Wolfson Hospital who is suspected of extorting money from patients, was extended yesterday for three days by Ramle Magistrate's Court. Erdman allegedly demanded money to perform surgery himself or to move people to the front of the waiting list. The police said that since the case was first publicized, many other people have come forward to testify against Erdman, including a disabled IDF veteran from whom Erdman demanded NIS 20,000 to put him at the top of the waiting list. Itm

Man convicted on treason charge released

Rafael Avraham, who had been convicted of contact with foreign agents and intent to commit treason, was released from Ashdod Prison yesterday, after serving 2½ years of a four-year sentence. A third of his sentence was canceled for good behavior. Avraham, who was arrested in late 1992, was accused of contacting PLO officials in Tunis and offering to kill Yitzhak Rabin and other political figures in exchange for a million dollars, and of accepting a \$33,000 advance. Avraham denied he intended to carry out his "mission," saying he had planned to take the money and disappear. His conviction was the result of a plea agreement. Itm

Namir meets senior officials in Beijing

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir, who heads the Israeli delegation to the UN women's conference in Beijing, met with Chinese officials yesterday, including Prime Minister Li Peng, who expressed interest in expanding cooperation with Israel. Namir also met with the Chinese industry and trade minister, who discussed encouraging Israeli investment in China and tapping Israeli expertise in the development of small businesses. She will be visiting here later this month as Namir's guest. Jerusalem Post Staff

Thieves snatch handbag with NIS 55,000

Thieves snatched a woman's handbag containing NIS 55,000 in cash shortly after she left a bank in Tirat Carmel yesterday. Police said the woman remembered that the bag snatcher had stood in front of her in the line at the bank. Police searched the area and later arrested two suspects, a man and a woman, both residents of Tirat Carmel. David Rudge

Track repair to halt some train service

There will be no train service between Acre and Nahariya beginning Monday, September 11 until Friday, September 22 inclusive, owing to essential engineering work on the line. During this period, trains arriving from Tel Aviv and Haifa will terminate at Acre.

Special buses for soldiers will leave Nahariya for Acre 15 minutes before the scheduled departure times of trains, and from Acre for Nahariya on arrival of each train.

With the start of winter time, a new Saturday night and end-of-holiday timetable will be introduced starting this week: From Tel Aviv to Haifa at 19:50 and 20:30; from Kiryat Motzkin to Haifa and Tel Aviv at 19:02; and from Haifa to Tel Aviv at 19:00 and 19:30. There are no change of schedule for evening trains on other days. Sybil Erlich

Michal Gabai BA, math teacher at Beit-Gimmel Religious High School in Tel-Aviv



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NATO launches air strikes against Serbs

News agencies
SARAJEVO

NATO warplanes unleashed new airstrikes yesterday against Bosnian Serbs, who refused to bow to demands and move their big guns out of range of Sarajevo.

Russia yesterday condemned what it called the "punitive" resumption of NATO air strikes on the Bosnian Serbs.

A Foreign Ministry statement accused NATO of intervening on one side in the Bosnian conflict in order to defeat the Serbs. "This goal will not be achieved," it said.

Warplanes zoomed over the western part of the Bosnian capital, followed by several loud explosions in the city's Serb-held southwestern suburbs, and huge clouds of smoke were visible.

Detonations were also heard in the Bosnian Serb headquarters of Pale, about 15 km southeast of Sarajevo, but they appeared to be outside the rebel Serb stronghold.

UN officials in the northern town of Tuzla reported three explosions in the area of a Serb-held hillside communications tower.

Sarajevans rushed out of their homes, looking skyward for the planes attacking their Serb foes. People ran along the streets for a better view. After an initial wave of airstrikes that began last Wednesday, many had begun to worry that NATO action would not continue.

"The airstrikes will last as long as necessary," said UN spokesman Philip Arnold in Zagreb, Croatia. UN sources in Sarajevo said peacekeepers were in their bunkers on a high state of alert, apparently concerned about possible retaliation.

"We hope this doesn't have to be a long bombing, that the Bosnian Serbs will truly understand what is happening to them and come around," said NATO spokesman Capt. Jim Mitchell in Naples, Italy.

In the United States, White House spokesman Mike



Two German Tornado fighters, part of the NATO force deployed in Bosnia, land at San Damiano Airbase in Northern Italy after a bombing mission against the Bosnian Serbs around Sarajevo yesterday. (AP)

McCurry said President Clinton fully supported the renewed attacks.

It was not immediately clear what targets had been attacked, or whether the planes had hit their targets. One area that appeared to be a target was Lukavica, where the UN said Serbs were gathering weaponry for a possible pullout.

The Bosnian Serb military said in a statement that targets in Lukavica were hit twice. Serbs reported one explosion near their headquarters in Pale, southeast

of Sarajevo, six on nearby Mount Jahorina, six more around the suburb of Hadzici southwest of Sarajevo, and one at Hresa, just northeast of Sarajevo.

It did not say what was attacked, but claimed that there was extensive damage and civilian casualties. There was no confirmation of the claims.

Russia fears the resumption of NATO bombing raids against Bosnian Serb targets may jeopardize peace talks in Geneva later this week, a senior Foreign Ministry official told Interfax news

agency yesterday.

The unidentified official said Russia had repeatedly warned that the use of force by NATO planes and the UN Rapid Reaction Force around Sarajevo could torpedo moves towards a settlement.

Foreign ministers of rump Yugoslavia, Bosnia and Croatia are due to meet in Geneva on Friday under the auspices of the Contact Group of major powers seeking an end to the conflict in former Yugoslavia.

The attack ended a tense

standoff following the expiration of a NATO-UN deadline for the Serbs to move about 300 artillery pieces, tanks and other heavy weapons more than 20 km outside of Sarajevo.

"Our patience is really running thin," UN spokesman Alexander Ivanko said in Sarajevo just a couple of hours before the strike.

A statement from NATO Secretary General Willy Claes said the movements of Bosnian Serb weaponry "were insignificant, and therefore judged that the Bosnian Serbs had failed to comply."

Hillary Clinton, Vatican lash out at Chinese hosts

BEIJING (Reuters) - Hillary Clinton and the Vatican gave China no respite at the world women's conference yesterday, making thinly veiled attacks on Beijing's human rights and population policies.

On the first day of full debate about women's issues at the biggest-ever United Nations gathering, the US first lady set the meeting alight with two unexpectedly tough speeches.

The one-two punches came as bickering appeared to be dying down over China's heavy-handed security for a meeting which deals with a range of issues affecting women, including health, education, domestic violence, rape and denial of human rights.

Clinton's words dashed Beijing's hopes that the conference, which opened in show-biz style, would focus squarely on women and leave China's controversial human rights picture in the background.

Addressing the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, she drew prolonged applause from the mostly female delegates by complaining about treatment of women attending the non-government forum that is part of the UN event.

Many who wanted to participate in the sessions, held once every 10 years, said they had been denied visas, while others said they were harassed by police and were under surveillance when they reached the event in suburban Beijing.

"It is indefensible that many women in non-governmental organizations who wished to participate in this conference have not been able to attend - or have been prohibited from fully taking part," Clinton said to the cheers of the crowd.

"Let me be clear," she said at a plenary session. "Freedom means the right of people to assemble, organize, and debate openly. It means respecting the views of

those who may disagree with the views of their governments."

Her hard-hitting speech, clearly directed at China, came as Sino-US relations have plunged to what Beijing has called their lowest point since they were established 16 years ago, chiefly over disputes about US policy towards Taiwan.

In a sign the speech had struck home, there was no report in China's official media of Clinton's remarks more than 12 hours after she spoke.

Clinton also indirectly took China to task for policies which limit the number of children its people can have.

"It is a violation of human rights when women are denied the right to plan their own families, and that includes being forced to have abortions or being sterilized against their will," she told the conference.

China maintains a strict one-child policy, especially in urban areas, and has been frequently accused of forcing women to abort second pregnancies.

While a buzz was still going around, Professor Mary Ann Glendon, head of the Vatican delegation, had her say on the population issue.

"The Holy See joins with all participants in the conference in condemnation of coercion in population policies," she said.

Glendon also launched the Vatican's pro-life campaign with a plea for greater male sexual responsibility and action to end reasons for abortion.

"All who are genuinely committed to the advancement of women can and must offer a woman or a girl who is pregnant, frightened and alone a better alternative than the destruction of her own unborn child," the first woman to head a delegation from the Holy See told delegates.

Hurricane Luis closes in on Caribbean

SAN JUAN (AP) - Howling "like a million ghosts," a monstrous hurricane roared into the Caribbean yesterday, killing a French tourist and bending palm trees double even before it hit land.

Frightened tourists and islanders crowded airports and overwhelmed air charter companies. But several airports closed.

As Hurricane Luis zeroed in on Puerto Rico, the governor of the US territory went on television to tell island residents not to panic and that they could seek refuge in schools, which were closed.

"Be calm, but be prepared," Gov. Pedro Rosello said.

The National Weather Service said the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico "will feel the full force of

the hurricane" today. The National Guard was on alert in both US territories.

In Guadeloupe, waves as high as nine feet swept a 29-year-old French tourist from a jetty where he was trying to photograph the sea. He drowned while the edge of the hurricane still was more than 160 km away.

With gusts up to 250 kph, and a 100-km-wide eye that is bigger than any of the islands it was approaching, Hurricane Luis threatens even more devastation than Hurricane Hugo in 1989.

The storm bore down on Barbuda, a tiny island of 1,400 people. The first slashing winds struck neighboring Antigua yesterday, 40 km to the south, with gusts up to 235 kph.

Anglo-Irish summit in doubt

DUBLIN (Reuters) - An Anglo-Irish summit to breathe new life into the Northern Ireland peace process was cast into doubt yesterday because of differences between London and Dublin. Irish officials said.

They said today's talks outside London between Prime Ministers John Bruton of Ireland and John Major of Britain might be downgraded to a working meeting or even postponed because of a lack of agreement on key issues.

Irish and British officials said they were working on the assumption that the one-day talks would go ahead but admitted that their officials were trying hard to narrow policy gaps which might show a lack of agreement in any final communiqué.

"Maybe we will agree between now and tomorrow morning. I really don't know. If we worked for another week or two it might deliver the agreement that's required," said an Irish official.

The summit is seen in both capitals as crucial to kick-start joint efforts to forge a lasting peace in Northern Ireland which have been brought to a standstill by disagreement between Britain and Sinn Féin over how to disarm guerrillas.

Ireland says disarming the gunmen is vital for a lasting peace after a year of guerrilla ceasefires but wants Britain to call all-party talks to reinforce the joint push for a permanent end to 25 years of political and sectarian conflict.

But Britain says it cannot invite the IRA's political wing, Sinn Féin, to peace talks as long as the guerrillas refuse to start disarming because they might resume

their war if talks fail to produce a settlement to their liking.

Sinn Féin president Gerry Adams said the talks were a "defining moment" for the troubled province, which has enjoyed one year and five days of an IRA truce.

He challenged Britain to stop trying to get the Irish Republican Army (IRA) to surrender its arsenal and set a date for round-table talks to agree a lasting solution.

Adams made no threat of a return to IRA violence, which was stopped with a ceasefire in September 1994, but his language was more bleak than at any time since the British and Irish governments started searching for peace in 1993.

The Irish government is trying to balance the conflicting demands of London, which wants the IRA to disarm, and the IRA's political wing, Sinn Féin, which says this can only be worked out at all-party talks, not as a condition for holding them.

Sinn Féin says disarmament is a new condition set by Britain and the IRA would never have called a truce if the surrender of weapons had been mentioned in the Anglo-Irish Downing Street Declaration which launched the peace process in December 1993.

Mainstream Irish nationalists argue that all guns have been silent for more than a year and peace must be built on now quickly by calling all-party talks.

Bruton and Major are working on plans to refer disarming to an international panel under US chairmanship but officials said agreement was not yet complete.

French technicians ready for nuclear test

PAPEETE, Tahiti (AP) - French technicians took the final steps yesterday to set off the first of a series of underground nuclear tests in the South Pacific and abandon a 3-year-old moratorium despite global protests.

The first blast under the Mururoa or Fangataufa atolls 1,200 km southeast of Papeete would take place "as soon as the technicians consider the time has come," President Jacques Chirac said in a TV interview yesterday.

The president of French Polynesia, Gaston Flosse, said he expected the blast to take place this week. He noted Chirac invited him to Paris after the first test takes place, and he plans to leave at the end of the week.

Out at the test site, French warships warned the 14 protest vessels around Mururoa Atoll to stay out of territorial waters and told them the passage between Mururoa and Fangataufa atolls is now off-limits.

The French military has seized several protest vessels that have crossed into Mururoa's 22-km territorial limits, but anti-nuclear activists still promised new incidents.

"Greenpeace's resources are nowhere near exhausted, and we can keep up the pressure until the end of May," said Greenpeace spokeswoman Madeleine Habib.

Chirac sparked worldwide outcry by governments and activists alike when he announced in June that the tests would be conducted between September and the end of May.

The conservative president argues the tests, which would end France's 3-year-old moratorium, are needed to update the country's nuclear arsenal and develop simulation technology to render the blasts obsolete.

But Chirac said yesterday that the tests could be fewer and could be completed early.

"If we have the information we need to change over to simulation, before the eight tests, obviously, regardless of the opinions of whomever, I will stop the blasts," Chirac said.

William Kunstler dead at 76

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

WILLIAM Kunstler, the controversial New York lawyer known for his fierce defense of outlaws and outcasts, has died of heart failure. He was 76.

With trademark glasses perched on his forehead and his wild gray

hair, Kunstler for nearly four decades was a tireless, brilliant advocate for unpopular clients and radical causes. He became notorious for courtroom antics that aggravated judges.

His most famous case was the defense of the so-called "Chicago Seven," who ultimately were cleared of charges of conspiring to cause riots and disrupt the Democratic National Convention.

American youth's challenge to a national convention in the tumultuous summer of 1968 came to symbolize a profound chasm between the generations over the Vietnam war and domestic racism.

In his 1994 autobiography, *My Life As A Radical Lawyer*, Kunstler wrote that his defense of black clients "has been motivated by one of my strongest beliefs - that our society is always racist."

In 1991, Kunstler enraged many Jews when he won a stunning acquittal of El Sayyid Nosair, charged with murdering Rabbi Meir Kahane.

Although Nosair was seen fleeing the scene holding a gun, he was convicted only of possessing the gun and assaulting the US postal inspector who caught him.

"I don't think I ever felt as detected as when I joined the defense team of El Sayyid Nosair," Kunstler once wrote.

His other clients included Egyptian cleric Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, now on trial for conspiracy related to the 1993 bombing of New York's World Trade Center.

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Brussels security tight for GIA trial

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BELGIAN police mounted a major security operation in central Brussels this week at the start of a high-profile trial of 13 alleged members of Algeria's most feared extreme Moslem movement.

The 13, thought to be members of the Algerian Islamic Armed Group (GIA), are charged with offenses ranging from forming a gang and illegal possession of arms and explosives to forgery and receiving stolen goods.

They were arrested after police raids in Brussels and three other cities in March. Weapons, explosives and false documents were seized.

One accused, Ahmed Zaoui, is an Algerian suspected of being a leading GIA member. The others are six Algerians, two Belgians, three Moroccans and a Libyan.

Police fanned out across the Belgian capital, guarding embassies and street corners and patrolling railway and Metro stations.

At the Palais de Justice, where the trial is being held, 150 officers were on duty, snipping visitors through three identity checks and a brand new explosives scanner moved from Brussels' airport for the occasion.

Parking around the building was banned and the building itself was cordoned off to restrict access. Belgian television said the security measures were without precedent. Only nine of the defendants appeared in court. One suspect has been expelled from the country and three others have asked not to attend the hearings.

Callers claiming to represent GIA have claimed responsibility for recent bomb attacks in Paris including a bloody attack on a Metro commuter train.

There have been five attempts

ed bomb attacks in France in 40 days by suspected Algerian terrorists.

Security officials in Brussels were concerned the Algerian group would plan attacks on the city to influence the trial.

Johan Vande Lanotte, the interior affairs minister, has pledged the crackdown on GIA will continue. He said recently GIA's teeth had been pulled in the March swoop.

GIA's Belgian network was shattered in the operation six months ago after a coordinated investigation involving the French, Danish and Belgian authorities, the minister said.

The start of the trial, expected to last several weeks, was delayed because the authorities had forgotten to pick up one of the suspects.

Some of the 15 defense lawyers had not arrived either - one of them the prominent French barrister Jacques Verges. Until recently he was a defense lawyer for international terrorist "Carlos the Jackal" and has represented former Gestapo chief Klaus Barbie.

In Algeria this week, a journalist working for Algerian state radio was shot to death, the third reporter killed in two days in a resurgence of violence that includes car bombings and attacks on symbolic targets, the radio said. A bomb placed in a car exploded at a town hall outside Algiers, injuring seven people, security forces said.

Yasmine Briki, who worked for Radio-Culture, was killed in front of her home in Encahyptus, one of several Algiers suburbs considered a stronghold of Moslem fundamentalists. The group of towns where Islamic extremists are known to operate are often referred to as the "triangle of fear."

Lebanese waste scandal suspects granted bail

A Beirut judge released on bail two men arrested in connection with the import of thousands of tons of Italian toxic waste, judicial sources said.

They said Judge Said Mirza, investigating the case, freed Roger Haddad and Antoine al-Ammi. They were detained in February for the alleged import in 1987 of some 24,000 tons of Italian industrial waste contained in 16,000 barrels.

They were each bailed out for 300,000 Lebanese pounds (NIS 558), the sources said. Environment Minister Pierre Pharaon said the waste issue was over. He said French tests of samples from 82 sites in Lebanon showed all the Italian waste had been removed.

Earlier, Lebanese authorities had forced the Greenpeace ship *Albatros* to leave Beirut's port, preventing its crew from releasing information on the waste scandal. Greenpeace said the scandal was far from over, in a fresh challenge to Beirut.

"Greenpeace considers that the waste file is still open until the return of what could be returned of the waste to the country of origin, Italy, in addition to rehabilitation of the polluted land," Greenpeace Lebanon campaigner Fouad Hamdan said in a statement in Beirut.

"The Italian government should bear responsibility for the cost of the two operations," he added.

Hours after the Albatros left, Pharaon declared the scandal over.

Greenpeace charges that 10,000 of the 16,000 barrels of Italian waste were never removed, but were buried in the Keserwan mountains northeast of Beirut.

Greenpeace said samples from Shnanir quarry near Jounieh were tested at Exeter University in England.

"The results showed that the quarry is contaminated by a cocktail of highly toxic waste," said a report released by Hamdan. (Agencies)

Iran, Saudi Arabia attack women's rights

SAUDI Arabia and Iran, the two titans of the Moslem world, have accused anti-Islamic forces of hijacking the women's conference that opened in Beijing on Monday, saying some delegates were promoting adultery and free sex.

Saudi Arabia's leading cleric said Moslems should boycott the UN Fourth World Conference on Women because some items on the agenda were contrary to Islamic principles and promoted obscenity.

A senior Iranian official said that "so-called liberal" stands on women's issues propounded by some "pro-American and Zionist" elements at the conference were aimed at promoting immoral acts.

The official IRNA news agency quoted first deputy minister of Islamic Culture and Guidance Hojatolislam Mohammad Ali Taskhiri as saying: "How can we tolerate young boys and girls being allowed

to have sex without being married?

"We, as Moslems, will resist anti-Islamic and anti-human measures adopted by the pro-Zionist elements at the Women's Conference," Taskhiri told the English-language daily *Iran News*, IRNA reported. Saudi Arabia's highest religious authority also called on Moslems to oppose the conference's draft declaration calling for equal rights for women.

The resolution "clearly clashes with God's laws," said a statement by the Saudi Council of Ulama, which represents the country's religious teachers.

"It seeks the destruction of the family, and allows the unrestrained practice of adultery and other immoral acts," the statement said.

In Teheran, the *Iran News* said the issue of equality for women was misguided, because women should know their priorities. (Agencies)



A policeman stands guard by the ruins of houses in Meftah, a southeast Algiers suburb, after a truck bomb exploded there Saturday. Four people were killed in the blast, and at least 80 injured. There was no immediate claim of responsibility. (AP)

Iran says Iraq must have popular government

News agencies

IRAN's parliament speaker said this week that US concern for the people of Iraq was only a ruse for Washington to strengthen its forces in the region, Teheran radio reported.

The broadcast quoted Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri as saying the Iraqi people can be "saved only by a popular government, not by the designs of the United States."

"We believe that a political order that has grassroots support must come to power in Iraq," Nateq-Nouri said.

"Experience has shown that the United States cares only about strengthening its presence in the region, otherwise it cares neither for the people of Iraq, nor does it consider them partners in this matter," he said.

Shi'ite Moslem Iran fears that a pro-American government could come to power next door in Iraq.

It would rather see a government fashioned after its own in Iraq, where 55 percent of the population are also Shi'ites.

The radio confirmed that Syrian Vice President Abdul-Halim Khaddam's six-hour stopover in Teheran and his meeting with Iran's President Hashemi Rafsanjani was to "coordinate" Iran and Syria's stance toward developments in Iraq.

Both Iran and Syria were greatly concerned with developments in Iraq, and considered the US presence in the region a grave threat, said the commentary. Iran has been a staunch opponent of US military presence in the Gulf, which Teheran regards as its domain.

The US beefed up its forces in the region after Saddam Hussein's son-in-law, Hussein Kamel Hassan, defected to Jordan last month and said Iraq was planning an attack on Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

He also said that Saddam's position in Iraq was very precarious.

Nateq-Nouri, who was speaking in the first session of the Majlis, or parliament, after its summer break, warned the southern Gulf states to beware of the US presence.

"The presence of alien forces in the region will be disadvantageous to all of us," he said.

The US currently has more than 20,000 troops and about 30 warships in the region.

Rafsanjani said the "enemies' presence in the region requires utmost alertness among the nation."

Iraq meanwhile called on Iran to join it in the fight against the "common enemy."

"The economic and political weight of Iran and Iraq qualify them to take the role of the two powers that attract the 'straying horses' in the jungle of the American wolf," Iraq's state-run *Al-Jumhuriya* newspaper said in an editorial.

"The existence of a common enemy... which is the West, provides us with two options... the tactical cooperation option if strategic cooperation is impossible."

"The second option is based on agreeing on common essential points, foremost of which is confronting attempts to annihilate the Moslems and protecting their interests, values and principles."

The editorial, marking the 15th anniversary of the start of the 1980-88 Iraq-Iran war, was carried by the official Iraqi News Agency.

Relations between the two states after their eight-year war left a toll of one million troops and civilians killed or wounded, have often been tense since a UN-brokered cease-fire ended their conflict.

They are both pariah states in the West.

Iraq is under UN sanctions for its invasion of Kuwait and the US imposed a trade embargo on Iraq last April, saying it wanted Teheran to abandon its alleged support for terrorism and its quest for nuclear weapons.

The editorial followed Saddam's call last month on Iran to establish good relations with Iraq and return more than 100 military and civilian planes. The aircraft took refuge in Iran during the 1991 Gulf War, but Iran kept them.

He also called on Iran to free thousands of prisoners of war. Iran is holding some 20,000 Iraqi prisoners, while Iraq keeps about 5,000 Iranians, according to the International Red Cross.

"Is there a better timing to establish cooperation than now when the knife of America and Zionism is on Iraq's neck and only fingers away from Iran's neck?" *Al-Jumhuriya* added.

IN LONDON, author Salman Rushdie this week called for tough international action against Iran unless the Islamic death sentence on him is lifted.

The *fajra* was ordered six years ago by the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who said Rushdie's book *The Satanic Verses* blasphemed Islam. But Teheran appears to have softened its stance recently.

Rushdie, who lives in hiding under 24-hour protection, told BBC Television: "The European Union asked Iran almost five months ago to give a clear guarantee that these threats were no longer in operation."

"They began a charm offensive with various Iranian leaders, all said they were calling off the dogs, but when asked to give the assurance in writing they refused."

"If we don't get these assurances pretty soon I think it is about time to start losing patience and using some rather strong measures against the Iranians."

The Indian-born British author brushed aside the anger of Hindu extremists in India's Shiv Sena Party over his latest book *The Moon's Last Sigh* which has been critically acclaimed.

"This is not a religious issue. It is a question of a dictatorial political party which is currently running Bombay and which does not like the fact that in my novel there is a strong critique of such political movements," he said.

Mubarak orders military to probe brotherhood

MILITARY prosecutors this week took over investigations of senior leaders of the Moslem Brotherhood - Egypt's largest Islamic group - in a move that could lead to the first trial of the group's members in nearly 30 years.

Facing complaints of sham justice, the government defended the decision.

Interior Minister Hassan el-Alfy, Egypt's top police official, said the rights of the 52 suspected Moslem Brotherhood members - many of them doctors and engineers - would be safeguarded, and that the trials would be conducted more quickly than in civilian courts.

"[It] is aimed at quickly dealing with these cases which concern the security and stability of the country," he told reporters.

The suspects were arrested as part of a government campaign against the group, which is officially banned but has been tolerated since the 1970s. Unlike Egypt's militant Islamic groups, the brotherhood has disavowed violence in pursuit of an Islamic state and has even participated in elections with other parties.

But since February, the government has arrested dozens of its members, accusing them of supporting Moslem extremists. The brotherhood claims the crackdown is meant to prevent it from participating in parliamentary elections in October.

The case of the suspects had been handled by state security prosecutors, who are responsible for civilian cases. None of the men had been charged, although some have been held since February.

But this week, President Hosni Mubarak ordered military prosecutors to take over the case, drawing protests from Moslem activists after they learned of the decision. The constitution "does not allow citizens to be tried by military courts. We call on the president to reverse this decision," said Mohammed Abdel Fattah, a member of the doctors' union, which is controlled by the brotherhood.

By referring the cases to military prosecutors, who work faster than their civilian counterparts, the government may be hoping for speedier investigations and harsher sentences.

Once charged, the suspects would go before the military courts, which, in the past, have handed down stiff sentences for suspected Moslem militants. The courts do not allow appeals.

Members of the brotherhood, which was founded in 1928, last faced trial in Egypt in 1966, when president Gamal Abdel-Nasser accused its members of planning a coup. Three brotherhood members were sentenced to death and executed, and 200 were imprisoned. (Agencies)



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Off the Wall from the Jerusalem Syndrome

Perfectly normal people become raving madmen when confronted with the effects of the Holy City, Leah Abramowitz reports

THE Western Wall is Israel's biggest tourist attraction. At all hours of the day or night, there are visitors streaming to the Wall—to pray, to take photographs, to participate in a demonstration or swearing ceremony, to attend a bar mitzva, or just to absorb some of the historic and spiritual atmosphere that permeates the ancient site.

Late at night, when the indirect lighting dramatizes every crevice and every seam in the timeless, holy rocks, when the night sounds meld in the open plaza, so huge and so empty at midnight, a special kind of person is drawn to this spot—those seeking a supernatural experience.

The psychologists identify them as having "The Jerusalem Syndrome," and they add much color and interest to the nocturnal scene at the Temple Mount.

These are the would-be messiahs, the misfits, the misperceptions, the spiritually involved, all out in flower in the late hours.

The Jerusalem Syndrome crowd are literally intoxicated by the Holy City. They love the special atmosphere of the Wall past midnight. They spurge in the mystical aura alight there at night. Their psyches are ignited by the historical holiness which one practically touches at this lonely hour.

Even though there are other spots in Jerusalem which attract these characters, the Wall remains one of the favorite, especially among Jews.

The Jerusalem Syndrome was first identified by Dr. Yair Bar-El, former director of the Kfar Shaul Psychiatric Hospital and now district psychiatrist for the Ministry of Health.

Bar-El studied 470 tourists who were referred to Kfar Shaul for treatment between 1979 and 1993 and, on the basis of his work with these temporarily insane visitors, he has made some fascinating conclusions.

Kfar Shaul was an excellent place in which to carry out this unique study, as it is the duty psychiatric hospital for tourists who display mental health problems. Of the 470 visitors from all over the world who were hospitalized (another 200 were seen

ambulatory), 66% were Jews, 33% were Christians and 1% had unknown religious affiliations.

Bar-El is quick to point out that not only tourists demonstrate behavior that indicates the Jerusalem Syndrome; many local residents are temporarily or permanently affected. But his study concentrated on this population.

The peak for visitors who are "intoxicated" by the Holy City is not surprisingly, during holiday seasons or during the summer months. Bar-El divides the patients into two broad categories: those with previous psychiatric histories (either diagnosed or undiagnosed) and those with no previous psychiatric history.

The pilgrims or tourists studied demonstrated remarkably similar patterns of disintegration. The symptoms generally appeared on the second day of their stay in Jerusalem, when they began to feel an unexplainable nervousness and anxiety.

If they came with a group or family, they suddenly felt a need to be on their own and left the others to be "alone." They began to perform acts of purification or cleansing—taking showers or immersing in a mikve. Often the patients changed their dress, choosing white clothes in an effort to resemble biblical figures as most of them chose to identify themselves with a character from the New or Old Testaments. Women always chose to emulate a woman from the Bible and men chose a male figure.

This type of behavior does not, of course, lead to hospitalization in a psychiatric ward. Indeed most of those affected by the Jerusalem Syndrome do not cause any disturbance and are, at worst, a nuisance element or a source of amusement. But a certain percentage of these victims are severely disturbed and will often behave in a way that demands psychiatric intervention, at least temporarily.

One Danish teacher, who had come to the Holy City five times in the last five years, felt it was the only place in the world where he could communicate with Jesus directly. All fine and good.

However, when he started to talk at the top of his lungs to the Virgin Mary, whom he saw sitting



on the roof of the Mosque of Omar, he stirred up quite a fuss. His fight with the guards on the Temple Mount ended in his being brought to Kfar Shaul.

Sometimes, according to Bar-El, the Jerusalem Syndrome victim will have definite religious goals, like the man from California who came to seek a red heifer for purification purposes. Others have political inclinations which, for example, led to the burning of al-Aksa Mosque, several years ago.

David Koreish, who spent time in Jerusalem, may have been af-

ected by the Syndrome, but its effect was protracted—only after he returned to the US did he proclaim himself the messiah and found his sect.

Bar-El also lists the patients who adopt magical health views or those with individualized religious requirements, self-written prayers and idiosyncratic customs, who simply "must do their thing," and always in Jerusalem.

Perhaps the most interesting subgroup identified are the 42 people who had no psychiatric problems whatsoever in the past. "Some-

thing just sprang out of me," is a common response when such tourists are interned and begin psychotherapy.

After four or five days, the victim who has been treated at Kfar Shaul responds to the here-and-now approach which the psychiatrist favors. They reestablish contact with their concerned family or group. "I feel like a clown," some say in great embarrassment and they simply cannot explain how they came to jump into the pond in the city park or sing hymns in the middle of the night from the top of the Old City ramparts.

"They don't like to talk about the experience afterwards," Bar-El says. When he tried to circulate a questionnaire to his former patients abroad, to do a follow-up of his study, he got few responses and those that replied gave vague answers.

"They simply don't understand themselves what happened to them," the doctor says.

Of the 42 who had no previous psychiatric problems, 40 were Protestants whose families were strict, Bible-belt, Bible-reading, mid-American Christians. They had internalized the Good Book and had an idealized view of Jerusalem. Bar-El believes that the shock of the real Jerusalem caused a psychiatric reaction which helped bridge the reality with the dream city.

He consulted a number of religious authorities, including Catholic leaders, to get their opinion as to why Protestants rather than Catholics fell prey to the Jerusalem Syndrome.

"I found three main reasons," says Bar-El. "Protestants direct their prayers to an unfathomable Being, whereas the Catholics have the intervention of a priest, a bishop, a tangible middle man."

The second reason he gleaned was that Jesus is the only religious figure in Protestant creeds towards which they relate, whereas the Catholics have many saints, the Virgin Mary, etc. with whom to identify.

Finally, Protestantism, unlike Catholicism, the Eastern religions and Islam, has little religious ecstasy incorporated in its ritual, few opportunities for spiritual fervor which seems to be a necessary component of religious experience. In Judaism, also, the psychiatrist feels there are more opportunities for fervid religious experiences in the myriad mitzvot and customs incorporated in tradition.

Bar-El notes that the Jerusalem Syndrome is similar to something called the Florence Syn-

drome, identified by Italian psychiatrists who long ago noticed a tendency among tourists and visitors there to act bizarrely and irrationally. In Florence, however, the phenomenon seems to be triggered by art works and the beauty of the city itself, rather than religion. At a conference this summer in Florence, Bar-El presented a paper on his findings which was well received.

Another Jerusalem psychologist, Prof. Jordan Scher, who wrote about the symptoms of the Jerusalem Syndrome 15 years ago, claims that many disturbed people flock to the Holy City seeking the special spiritual atmosphere that imbues the capital, especially the Old City.

"Jerusalem is flooded by messiahs, those who come to meet him, to wait for him, or to settle the turmoil in their own souls," writes Scher.

Many young people turn to yeshivot to enhance their religious drive. Some of them are accepted, but expelled later when it is discovered that they are disturbed; others are turned down to begin with.

"What is to become of such people who seek in good faith to achieve, through spiritual uplifting, relief from personal or worldly disturbances?" Scher asks.

Many of them find their way to the Western Wall, which becomes a sanctuary. There, each and every one evolves his own way of expressing this inexplicable intoxication with holiness.

For example, there is Motele, dressed all in white, gray beard matted and curling, yelling at a group of tourists. "Welcome America!" Some of the visitors are amused, the ladies look frightened and hurry into their cabs.

When he sings, head flung back and hands outstretched towards heaven, it sounds like an orchestra requesting rain.

Sometimes, for effect, Motele stands on top of the Rabbinical Office roof, roaring out a prayer. The uninitiated think it's a "bar kol" (a voice from above), and look upwards quite scared. Some have been known to do instant teshuva (penitence).

There is Gershon, traipsing down the steps in his hippie uniform, a la Woodstock era, complete with colored, Bucharian skullcap: blue eyes dancing and white beard prancing, looking for all the world like a Jewish Santa Claus. He's very angelic, sweet, saintly—but exchanges a dirty joke with his companion that sets them both into peals of laughter, as they pass the guards who are

off-guard, bored, sleeping or chatting with the passersby.

A lean, black-clad Bratslaver Hassid paces back and forth outside the gate, in the dark, reciting psalms to himself, twirling his meager brown beard and concentrating on getting into the right mood. But there's just too much action, too many women, and too much light to reach the right level of *hibadlut* (isolation) which the rebbe dictated. It looks like a lost night for the pious young man.

Yehia, the Yemenite, turns up. He favors the dress of his forefathers: turban, long flowing, but quite dirty galabiya; and sandals, winter or summer.

Yehia is a blessing; he distributes blessings like other grandfatherly figures distribute candy, to those who want and to those who don't. He bestows the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and several others on the bowed head of the benefitted, murmuring quickly and without pause, until he sees someone else in need of his consecration and moves on.

At the top of the steps, Amnon stands at attention. Day or night, winter or summer, he roams the Old City, dressed in a gray suit, tie and fedora. He stands for hours, doing nothing, just being within sight of the Temple Mount. Is he waiting for the Messiah? Is he doing penitence? He just is there, a silent sentinel on a silent mission of his own.

There are also women regularly touched by the Jerusalem Syndrome, some of whom camp out all night at the Wall, especially during the High Holy Days.

Miriam is a squat, scarf-clad lady, who appears at irregular hours, sometimes with a baby carriage in tow, sometimes with a tot or two as well. She has been known to "do a *spontje*" (mop the floor), kindly asking women worshipers to please step aside as she goes about the impossible job of washing down the huge Western Wall plaza with a kitchen mop. Unsuspecting visitors think she's official, and feel sorry for the cleaning lady who has to work so hard at midnight.

These colorful characters at the Wall are not dictated by canon or scriptures. But they are drawn, as generations before them, to the spiritual center of the universe, the magnet and hub of the three main religions. People with problems, with extreme views and with great devotion, flock to the other-worldly, sacred location, and often find themselves falling prey to this most unique and incomprehensible phenomenon, the Jerusalem Syndrome.

Child who hits needs clear limits; each parent needs backing

PARENTING
RUTH MASON

MY three-year-old sometimes hits me. My husband and I disagree about what to do. I turn to my husband for help and/or backing, but he feels I should handle it alone. What do you think?

Karen Goldberg, MSW, child and family therapist, director of the Rosenwald Family Early Childhood Development Center, Ltd., says:

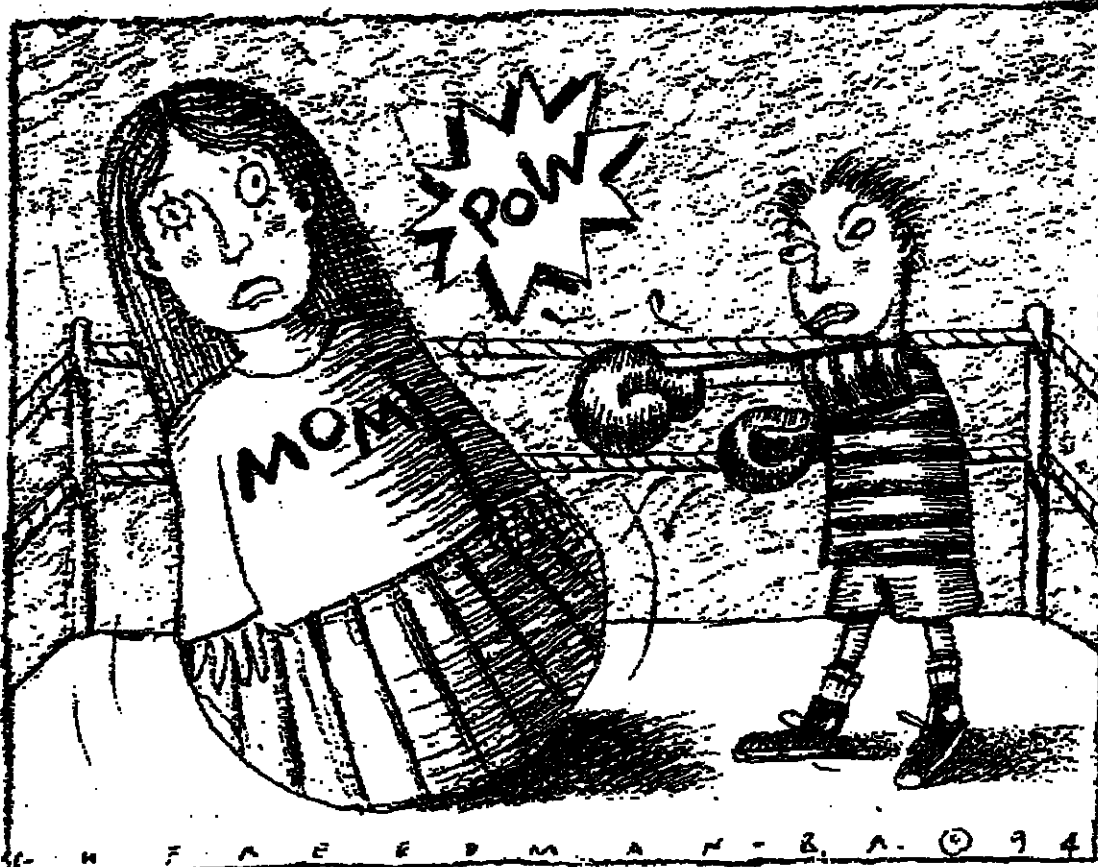
Your question goes beyond trying to figure out what you should do when your three-year-old hits you. It relates more to what you and your husband need to work out as a child-rearing philosophy, for this child and for future children.

Before a couple get married, they don't usually ask each other how each will respond if their child hits one of them. But the answer to such a question does give insight into the level of respect and cooperation between the couple and the value placed on clear limit-setting for the children.

It is age-appropriate for a frustrated or angry three-year-old, who still lacks a full vocabulary and has not yet learned the art of expressive language, to hit his mother. Age-appropriate means it is common at a particular age, it does not mean it is necessarily acceptable behavior. In most families, hitting a parent is not allowed. If and when it happens, the parent ought to stop the hitting and make it very clear that it is not acceptable behavior. "Stop. You may not hit Mommy. If you are angry, tell me." It is important that the child understand clearly what is allowed and what is not allowed.

In addition, the child needs to learn alternative and acceptable ways of expressing anger—such as talking, hitting a pillow or a punching bag, scribbling with crayons—that are not destructive or hurtful.

If hitting is an attention-getting technique, then this is negative attention-getting. In this situation, you may separate him from the scene and tell him to let you know when he has calmed down.



Only after he is calm is he emotionally "available" to talk.

About whether your husband should intervene: What are you saying when you turn to him? Are you saying that you cannot cope with the behavior? Are you saying that Daddy is stronger than Mommy? Are you suggesting that Daddy can handle the situation and knows what to do? Are you saying that you need extra support and that this behavior is so unacceptable that both of you need to intervene?

No matter what, it is important for you to show your child—even at the age of three—that you can handle him. This does not mean getting into a power struggle, it means being clear and decisive. When your son hits you, you should be able to stop the hitting and get support from your husband.

When there is a disagreement, the parents may discuss it later, alone and, hopefully, come to a conclusion of support, respect and backing. Only in more extreme cases, in which there is vio-

lence or real loss of control by either side, should there be immediate, active intervention by the other parent. Your child needs to clearly know what he is and is not allowed to do. You and your husband need to clearly know that you have each other's respect and support.

Every time I walk into a grocery or toy store with my four- and six-year-olds, they beg, "Mommy, buy me this... buy me that..." I like to give them a treat occasionally, but I don't want to spoil them. And I certainly don't want to buy them a treat every time we are in a store. What can I do?

Hillary Milgrom, MSW, therapist in private practice and at the Counseling Center for Women in Jerusalem, advises:

Money, food and gifts can become loaded issues in families, often getting confused with love, power and guilt. Parents usually want to feel free to buy their children occasional treats or surprises without feeling manipulated by

their children's constant whining. Children can begin, from an early age, to learn that money does not come in an endless stream, that they can plan how to use small amounts of money, and that they can have the power to earn money themselves.

From age three, children can be given a very small allowance and taught the value of the different coins. There is a beautiful Jewish tradition of starting the week by giving charity. Children can be given their allowance as the new week begins and immediately decide how much of it they want to put in a charity box. Then, during the week, it will be their choice when to spend their allowance. Gradually, they will begin to grasp that when the money is "all finished for this week," it really is.

Saving for larger toys from these tiny amounts would take an extremely long time. Therefore, if a child expresses an interest in a toy or a game, and occasions like Hanukkah or birthdays are far away, parents may decide to use

these as incentives for encouraging a child to master a new developmental task that they know she is capable of doing, but that she's been reluctant to do regularly.

You can stick a page on the door of the child's room and each day that she dresses herself or tidies her room or wipes herself after the toilet, she gets to stick a star on the page. After a certain number of stars, she can buy the toy. This approach should only be used for one task at a time, so as not to get the child used to the idea that she must receive rewards for every positive act she does in the home.

Older children could have the option of earning money, first in the home, and later outside. Most parents would agree that it is totally inappropriate to pay children for carrying out the basic tasks suitable for their age, such as helping with meals or making their beds. But many offer the children an opportunity to do extra jobs in return for payment.

Even with all these ideas, the hardest part for parents is how to respond if the children still whine, "Buy me, buy me!" It's so easy to fall into the trap of teaching them that the louder they scream, the more successful they will be at persuading you to buy the treat.

Do you think you could acknowledge your children's strong desire—"Yes, I can hear how badly you want that ice cream..."—but remind them calmly

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Dutch air force,
Rada sign pactFirm to supply FACE system
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RACHEL NEIMAN

RADA Electronic Industries signed yesterday a \$14 million agreement for the sale of its Face Autonomous Combat Maneuvers Evaluation System (FACE) to the Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNLAF).

System delivery will begin next year and continue through 1997. The contract does not include add-ons, which may be purchased at a future date.

Rada will report sales and income from the pact on a percentage of completion basis.

"This [is] a milestone event for

the company," chairman Haim Nissenson said. "Management is convinced that the expenses incurred over the past several years related to the research, development, and marketing of the FACE system were clearly justified and have begun to bear fruit."

FACE is an enhanced version of Rada's existing ACE system, which records, debriefs, and evaluates training and operational flights. ACE has already been installed in F-16, F-5, L39, and MIG-21 aircraft.



Nissenson: R&D, marketing costs for system have been clearly justified.

FACE's added fatigue analysis capabilities enable the recording and analysis of structural and engine fatigue parameters.

Rada said FACE has no competitors, and the RNLAF sale should lead to sales to F-16 users in other NATO countries.

'CPI to rise above previous forecast'

BANK Hapoalim economists predicted that August's Consumer Price Index will rise one percent higher than previous forecasts, according to the bank's monthly economics report.

Hapoalim economists forecast the CPI will increase by one percent each month until the end of the year, representing a higher CPI rise compared with the first half of the year.

Hapoalim: 6.5% GDP growth in '95

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

In July the CPI increased by only 0.2%. The relatively low rise, according to the economists, was due to a seasonal decline in textiles, fruits and vegetables, and a slowdown in the rate of housing price increases.

Hapoalim forecast a 6.5% Gross Domestic Product growth rate this year based on the continued rise in economic activity in July, especially in the building sector.

The bank said there was

growth in building, private consumption, and incoming tourism in July.

Exports increased by 2.5% in the second quarter compared with the same period last year. The rise came after a 4% drop in the first quarter of the year.

In contrast, imports dropped slightly in the second quarter after registering sharp growth in the first quarter.

Insurers: Car theft is national problem

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE number of stolen cars, based on police reports, increased by 26.3 percent in the first seven months of the year to 17,888, from 14,155 during the same period last year, the Association of Life Insurance Agents and Brokers announced yesterday.

"Car theft is no longer a personal problem for only those who have had their cars stolen, since so many people have had their

cars stolen," president Shaul Pasternak said. "The problem is a general, moral problem for the entire population."

Pasternak criticized the police for not doing enough to stop the wave of car thefts.

The association reported that insurance firms' profits from the non-life elementary insurance sector fell 68 percent last year to

NIS 37 million, from NIS 113m. in 1993.

In this year's first quarter, the firms reported sector losses of NIS 33m., down 140% compared with the first quarter in 1994.

First-quarter total premiums from the sector reached NIS 2.06 billion, up 3% compared with the same period last year, while the number of claims grew 45%, to NIS 1.5b.

Hapoalim provident funds show positive yields

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

ALL Bank Hapoalim provident funds achieved positive real yields in August primarily due to the stock exchange's recovery.

The funds achieved average nominal yields of 2.3 percent last month which is equivalent to a real return of 2.1%.

Funds specializing in shares reported particularly high returns. The Teshuva fund achieved a real yield of 3.73%, while the Dina-mit Share fund achieved a real return of 4.62% in August.

Gadish, the country's largest provident fund, achieved a real yield of 2.11% and an accumulated real yield of 2.44% since the beginning of the year. The fund's assets are estimated at around NIS 12.9 billion.

The Tagnomim fund, with total assets of about NIS 2.8b., reported a real yield of 2.1% in August and an accumulated yield of 3.22%.

The Keren Or fund, with assets of about NIS 1.8b., achieved a real yield of 2.1% last month and an accumulated real yield of 2.5%, while the Katzir fund achieved a real yield of 2.03% in August and an accumulated return of 2.42%.

The bank's other provident funds also achieved positive real returns last month.

'Substandard goods may reach local consumer due to PA expansion'

Jerusalem Post Staff

INDUSTRY and Trade Ministry Director-General Yossi Snir warned yesterday that expansion of Palestinian authority within Judea and Samaria in commercial and industrial areas would result in a flooding of substandard goods in the country.

He said that the ministry, which is responsible for overseeing imports, needed an immediate beefing up of inspection staffs to deal with goods arriving from the autonomous areas.

Snir noted that the Paris economic agreement allows for the inspection of goods from the autonomous region only after they reach local markets.

"It's important to understand that within the autonomous region there is no requirement to manufacture or market items according to the standards and regulations that prevail within the State of Israel," he said.

As a result, there is a risk that substandard goods would "leak through" to the Israeli consumer, who may be harmed by dangerous or unhealthy products.

In addition to more staff, the ministry requires more equipment, vehicles, and warehouses.

Carlsberg buys 20 percent of Israel Breweries

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

CARLSBERG A/S announced yesterday it has purchased 20 percent of Israel Breweries.

The Danish beer manufacturer refused to disclose the sum paid for the transaction.

Israel Breweries just completed construction of a new brewery in Ashkelon for \$32 million. The plant was established in cooperation with the Central Bottling Company, and will manufacture Carlsberg and Tuborg beer.

The Central Bottling Company has imported Carlsberg and Tuborg since 1992, during which time, the two brands' market share has increased from under 5% to 21%.

According to Carlsberg, the average consumer drinks about 15-16 liters of beer per year, a relatively low figure compared with world averages. In the last three years, however, annual consumption has increased by some 10%.

"The recent years' growth in the Israeli economy has caused a growth in the general consumption of beer as well as an increasing demand for premium brands," Carlsberg said in a statement.

Carlsberg has an annual turnover of \$3 billion on sales of 30 million hectoliters per year, including 17% of the Danish market.



Representatives of Holland's MKB group meet earlier this week with Danny Klein (second from right), chairman of the Manufacturers Association's Council for Small and Medium-sized Factories. The two groups hope to further economic cooperation and are probing the option of having Israeli firms traded on the Dutch stock exchange. (Israel Sm/Jan Orendaryev)

NationsBank buys Bank South for \$1.6b

ATLANTA (Reuters) - NationsBank Corp. said yesterday it agreed to acquire Bank South Corp. for \$1.6 billion in a tax-free stock transaction that will solidify NationsBank's dominant position

in Georgia. The merger is the latest in a recent flurry of bank mergers, led by the combination of Chase Manhattan Bank and Chemical Bank last week and First Union

Bank's earlier purchase of First Fidelity Bank.

NationsBank Corp., with \$184 billion in assets, is the third-largest banking company in the country, as well as the largest bank in Georgia, where it has \$18b. in assets and 189 offices.

The merger agreement, unanimously approved by the boards of both companies, provides that each share of Bank South common stock be exchanged for 0.44 share of NationsBank common stock.

Based on the \$61.50 per share closing price of NationsBank stock on Friday, the transaction would be valued at about \$1.6b., or \$27 per share of Bank South common stock.

Bank South closed Friday at \$23.25 on Nasdaq.

The merger increases NationsBank's already sizable presence as the Atlanta's and Georgia's largest bank.

Bank South has \$7.4b. in assets and \$5.1b. in deposits.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Turbovich okays Strauss Ice Cream sale to Unilever: Supervisor of Monopolies Yoram Turbovich approved yesterday a proposed 50 percent purchase of Strauss Ice Cream by the multinational giant Unilever. "The merger presents no threat of harm to competition due to the fact that at present, Unilever is not [a player] in the Israeli market," he said.

Strauss, which is still negotiating with Unilever, established its subsidiary Strauss Ice Cream for purposes of the merger.

Rachel Neiman

UKM signs pact with Histadrut: United Kibbutz Movement (UKM) leaders signed yesterday a treaty to join the Histadrut. The decision came after all UKM kibbutzim agreed to join the labor organization. According to the pact, each kibbutz member will pay organization tax of NIS 20 per month.

In return, the Histadrut has promised to support UKM's youth movement and recognize its cultural and educational organizations.

Galit Lipkis Beck

The Israel Consumer Council is demanding that Cial Insurance stop charging clients deductible payments for a drop in the value of hit cars. The council claims the company is charging a 5% deductible payment for value loss despite not obtaining approval from the Supervisor of Insurance.

Two years ago, the council claims, the Tel Aviv District Court ruled that insurance firms must compensate customers for value reductions of cars that are hit.

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The Government of Israel
Through the Government Companies Authority
hereby announces

that it is considering to sell all the shares held by the State of Israel (hereinafter: "the State Shares") in:

Water Planning for Israel Ltd. (hereinafter: "Tahal")

Parties (other than "Governmental Corporations" as such term is defined in the below-mentioned Sale Procedure) interested in purchasing all the State Shares, shall be entitled to apply to the Government of Israel through the Government Companies Authority (hereinafter: "the Authority") as specified in this advertisement.

In accordance with sections 4 and 14.1 of the below mentioned sale procedure and in accordance with the advertisements regarding the sale of the state shares, the Authority hereby announces that it is extending the date of the deadline for submitting applications by parties interested in purchasing State Shares from September 10, 1995 to October 5, 1995.

The necessary application forms and documents, including the Procedure for Sale of the State Shares (above and hereinafter: "the Sale Procedure"), may be purchased - for a sum of NIS 10,000 (which shall not be refunded), payable by a banker's cheque - from Messrs. Dan Weintraub and Natan Treitel, Government Companies Authority, Ministry of Finance, 1 Kaplan St., 7th floor, Room 722, Jerusalem; Tel. 02-317292 / 02-317448, Fax. 02-611680.

Pursuant to the conditions set forth in the Sale Procedure, the final date for submitting applications is 16:00, Thursday, October 5, 1995. The Authority may, by way of public announcement, extend the date of the deadline for submission of applications, as well as change other dates and terms in the Sale Procedure, at its sole and absolute discretion.

In order to participate in the sale, the applicants will be required to demonstrate economic and financial resources and to fulfil other requirements, as specified in the Sale Procedure.

The State shall be entitled, at its sole and absolute discretion, to select from among the applicants, up to 5 candidates who best satisfy the requirements that the State shall set. These candidates shall continue to participate in the sale, shall receive additional information and shall be invited to forward an offer to purchase the State Shares, if and when the State shall decide to sell the said State Shares.

The sale of the State Shares is exempt from the obligation to hold a tender, under the "Obligation of Tenders Regulations - 1993".

In order to remove any doubt, it is hereby clarified that this advertisement does not constitute an invitation to the general public to purchase the State Shares, nor an offer or undertaking on the part of the State of Israel to sell the State Shares. The purchasers of the State Shares shall be determined on the basis of inquiries and possibly on the basis of negotiations which the State may, at its sole and absolute discretion, conduct with any party, if it shall decide to proceed with said sale. The sale of the State Shares is subject to the prior approvals of the Antitrust Authority and of the Finance Committee of the Knesset.

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Currency deposit (for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	5.000	5.000	5.000
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.750	4.750	4.750
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.750	2.750	2.750
Sales franc (SF 200,000)	1.625	1.625	1.625
Yen (10 million yen)	1.625	1.625	1.625

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (S.G.95)			
Currency basket	Buy	Sell	Bank of Israel
U.S. dollar	3.4355	3.4355	3.4355
German mark	3.0177	3.0177	3.0177
French franc	4.8628	4.8628	4.8628
Japanese yen (100)	0.0095	0.0095	0.0095
Dutch guilder	0.0012	0.0012	0.0012
Swedish krona	1.3381	1.3381	1.3381
Swiss franc	2.2024	2.2024	2.2024
British pound	0.4130	0.4130	0.4130
Israeli shekel	0.4709	0.4709	0.4709
Israeli shekel	0.3398	0.3398	0.3398
Israeli shekel	0.6878	0.6878	0.6878
Israeli shekel	2.2318	2.2318	2.2318
Israeli shekel	2.9257	2.9257	2.9257
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Israeli shekel	3.6479	3.6479	3.6479
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Key Representative Rates	
US dollar	NIS 3.0410 -0.10%
Sterling	NIS 4.7309 -0.19%
Mark	NIS 2.0753 -0.53%

NEW STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

Index	Value	Change
DJ Industrial	4,200.00	+22.50
DJ 30	2,800.00	+15.00
NYSE Dow	2,800.00	+15.00
NYSE Comp	2,800.00	+15.00
NYSE Ind	2,800.00	+15.00
NYSE Tech	2,800.00	+15.00
NYSE Mid	2,800.00	+15.00
NYSE Small	2,800.00	+15.00
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NYSE Small	2,800.00	+15.00

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Other stock market indexes

Index	Value	Change
FTSE 100	2,800.00	+15.00
Nikkei 225	2,800.00	+15.00
Hong Kong Hang Seng	2,800.00	+15.00
Shanghai	2,800.00	+15.00

Israeli stocks in NY

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Amex	2,800.00	+15.00
Nasdaq	2,800.00	+15.00

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Cowboys steamroll over Giants

EAST RUTHERFORD (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys were playing the New York Giants Monday night. But the statement they made was to the San Francisco 49ers.

We're back. And we're better than ever.

With Emmitt Smith, going 60 yards for a touchdown on Dallas' third play from scrimmage and scoring three other times, the Cowboys blew away the Giants 35-0 in a game that wasn't as close as the score indicated.

The only negative for the Cowboys was an Achilles tendon injury to Kevin Smith, their left cornerback that coach Barry Switzer said was probably season ending.

The prime-time rout allowed the nation — and the 49ers — to see a Dallas team that looked every bit as good as the one that won two Super Bowls before losing in the NFC title game to San Francisco last year.

"They looked like they were playing at a different speed," Giants coach Dan Reeves said.

The Cowboys led 21-0 at the half, then scored twice more after intermission before sending in the scrubs, winning a lot more impressively than did the 49ers, who beat New Orleans 24-22 Sunday.

Smith, who finished with 163 yds. in 21 carries, also scored three times on 1-yd. runs to reach 75 touchdowns for his career, three better than Tony Dorsett's Dallas record. It's only the second time he's scored four times in a game — the other time was December 16, 1990 against the Cardinals.

But the defense and special teams were just as good against a Giants team not ready for such an opponent. Because of injuries, the Giants' full offense never played together during the exhibition season. Dave Brown was 20 of 34 for 155 yds., much of the yardage meaningless.

Smith is one the NFL's better cornerbacks, and now the Cowboys need a replacement. Coach Barry Switzer is already on the case, begging owner Jerry Jones to sign Deion Sanders, who helped the 49ers win last year and is being sought by both teams this season.

"If Jerry's around him, I'm going to tell him. It's serious now," Switzer said. "Get Deion. We



NO GAIN — New York Giants' Herschel Walker is tackled by Dallas Cowboys' Charles Haley (94) and Robert Jones (55) during Monday night's game at the Meadowlands. (Reuters)

need Deion now. It ain't show-time anymore. It's serious business."

There was no need for Deion on Monday night.

The Giants, who won their last six games in 1994, never crossed midfield until 2:20 remained in the first half as they suffered their worst regular-season loss since 1980 and their first home shutout since 1976.

Five of their first possessions began inside their own 20 and the sixth began only at their own 26.

It took all of three plays for Dallas to score the first touchdown — a 15-yd. pass from Troy Aikman to Jay Novacek, a dropped pass by Michael Irvin and then Smith's burst up the middle.

Aikman, who finished 15 of 20 for 228 yds., threw for the second

score, a 7-yarder to Irvin. Irvin had seven catches for 109 yds. and Novacek had five for 91.

Then, with Smith already over 100 yds. — he hit 102 with 9:08 left in the half — the Cowboys went 59 yds. in nine plays to make it 21-0 at the half. The Giants' only threat ended when Tony Tolbert got a hand on Brad Daluiso's 42-yd. field goal attempt.

Giants retire Phil Simms' number 11

THE New York Giants on Monday retired the number 11 jersey of quarterback Phil Simms, who played his entire 15-year career with them and was a member of two Super Bowl champion teams.

At a ceremony during halftime of the Giants' game against the Dallas Cowboys, Simms put on the jersey one last time.

Now a broadcaster who was forced out by the Giants as a victim of the salary cap, Simms put on his bitterness behind him and thanked team ownership and especially his former coach Bill Parcells "who helped me grow up as a man and make me reach my full potential as a player."

"I had two wishes when the Giants, when we

decided we couldn't play no more," the gritty fan favorite told the crowd, smiling at the slip that made it clear it was the Giants' decision, not his.

"One, I wanted to run out on this field one more time. I got that wish tonight, to see the fans one more time, to let you know it took 15 years of hard work to earn your respect, and it was well worth the effort. I'll always remember the fans."

"And lastly, for that second wish, I wanted to throw one more pass in my Giants jersey. So who better to catch that pass than the greatest Giant player of all, Lawrence Taylor?"

Simms then sent Taylor, the linebacker whose number 56 was retired last year, downfield and lofted a completion. (Reuters)

Sabatini headed for semis

NEW YORK (AP) — Gabriela Sabatini, attempting to recapture the magic of 1990, moved into the semifinals of the US Open yesterday by defeating 14th-seeded Mary Joe Fernandez 6-1, 6-3.

In men's fourth-round matches, unseeded Bryon Black of Zimbabwe upset No. 8 Michael Stich 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 2-6, 6-3 and No. 5 Michael Chang ousted Australian Michael Tabbitt 6-2, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

Sabatini, seeded ninth, won this Grand Slam tournament five years ago, the biggest triumph of her career. Her only titles in the last 2½ years came in New York last November at the Virginia Slims Championships and in January on hardcourt at Sydney, Australia.

In Friday's semifinals at the National Tennis Center, Sabatini will take on the winner of last night's scheduled quarter-final between top-seeded Steffi Graf and unseeded Amy Frazier.

Against Fernandez, Sabatini played deep and steady, making only 15 unforced errors. And while Fernandez hit nearly twice as many winners as Sabatini — 30 to 16 — she also made 46 unforced errors.

It is the second straight year she has reached the semifinals, losing last year to eventual winner Arantxa Sanchez Vicario.

Stich, runnerup last year to Andre Agassi, appeared to never be in sync against Black, who won the NCAA doubles in 1989 when he was the University of Southern California. Black, who hits with two hands from both sides jumped all over Stich's second serve as the German hit only 52 percent of his serves.

Chang appeared to be sailing past his unseeded foe when he began missing seemingly easy shots. He hit only 45 percent of his first serves and Tabbitt, an unseeded Australian, took advantage by jumping on the second serve and returning winners.

Both players hit 42 winners in the two-hour, 15-minute match, but Tabbitt had 57 unforced errors, 31 more than Chang.

In the quarter-finals, Chang will play the winner of the match slated for last night between No. 3 Thomas Muster, who beat Chang in the French Open final, and No. 14 Jim Courier.

National team in must-win situation

ORI LEWIS

THE moment of truth has arrived for Israeli soccer as hopes of qualifying for the European Championship finals in England next year depend on the match today against Slovakia.

Shlomo Scharf's men have been making their final preparations for the crucial fixture in Kofit this evening in a match they must win in order to have a chance of qualifying for the finals.

Israel received a reprieve from the gullotine last month when France and Poland drew 1-1 in a match which would have practically sealed Israel's fate there and then had either side managed to win.

The wet weather was a worry for the Israelis — who arrived in pouring rain — but yesterday, conditions improved and the players had a chance to acclimatize to their preferred dry surface.

Scharf, however, was quick to

dispel Slovakian hopes that the wet conditions would help the home side, while the Israelis wallowed in the puddles. "We are used to wet conditions," he told a press conference. "Our players play in wet conditions for most of the year," Scharf was quick to reassure.

Regardless of the weather, only two main question marks remain on the makeup of Israel's starting lineup: who will play in goal, and, who will play in the striker's position.

Both questions will be answered at lunchtime today when Scharf names his eleven to start against Slovakia's hopefuls.

The choice in goal is between veteran Bonnie Ginsburg and relative newcomer Rafi Cohen, while up front, Scharf will have to decide between the experience of Ronny Rosenthal and the youth

of Ofer Mizrahi.

The Slovaks promise not to be pushovers. Not only are they playing at home, they too have a remote chance of qualifying for the finals.

The Slovaks showed they know how to play the Israeli defense and did so with great effect at Ramat Gan last October, going up 2-0 before Israel came back to earn a draw.

Slovakia will be at full strength for the match — also a do-or-die affair for them — and new coach Jozef Janek will be looking to his most experienced players, Peter Dubovskí of Spain's Real Oviedo and Lubomír Moravčík of St. Etienne in France to lead the way up front.

Ladislav Molnar of Slovan Bratislava will probably be charged with goalkeeping duties.

The match will be broadcast live on Channel 1 and on Army Radio, kickoff is at 6 pm.

Warwickshire keeps hopes alive with win over Gloucestershire

LONDON (Reuters) — Warwickshire kept alive its hopes of clinching another English country cricket treble with a tense victory over Gloucestershire on faster scoring rate in a rearranged Sunday League fixture yesterday.

The NatWest Trophy holder moved up alongside Lancashire in third place and, with two games to play, is now two points behind joint leaders Kent and Worcestershire.

Warwickshire batted in drizzle throughout its innings and reached a revised target of 110 from 32 overs with four wickets and 23 balls to spare to capture four vital points.

Mark Ramprakash celebrated his selection for England's tour of South Africa with 103 for Middlesex, only to see Northants win on

a faster scoring rate. Sunday League results: At Uxbridge: Northamptonshire beat Middlesex on a higher run rate. Middlesex 233-4 (batting closed) (M.Ramprakash 103, M.Gatting 66). Northamptonshire 159-4 in 26.2 overs (P.Walker 4-41).

At Edgbaston: Warwickshire beat Gloucestershire on a higher run rate. Gloucestershire 111-4 (batting closed). Warwickshire 112-4 in 28.1 overs.

Sunday League Table				
Club	P	W	L	PTS
Kent	15	11	4	46
Worcestershire	15	11	4	46
Lancashire	15	11	4	44
Warwickshire	15	11	4	44
Essex	15	10	5	42
Derbyshire	15	9	6	39
Gloucestershire	15	8	7	36
Surrey	15	7	8	32
Nottinghamshire	15	7	8	32
Northants	15	6	9	24
Gloucestershire	15	6	9	24
Somerset	15	5	10	22
Yorkshire	15	5	10	22
Durham	15	4	11	14
Gloucestershire	15	4	11	14
Hampshire	15	3	12	11
Middlesex	15	3	12	11

Under-21 draw kills dreams

ORI LEWIS

ISRAEL'S under-21 sided lost all hope of reaching the Olympic soccer tournament in Atlanta yesterday after managing only a 1-1 draw against Poland in Presov in their Group 1 qualifying match last night.

The result has also put paid to any hopes of reaching the European Championship finals after the Israelis managed to notch up only nine points from eight games.

In the other Group 1 match yesterday, Poland and Romania drew 3-3.

European Under-21 Championship qualifying group one

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Romania	8	4	3	1	18	7	15
France	8	4	2	2	17	3	14
Poland	8	4	2	2	16	14	14
Israel	8	2	3	3	8	9	9
Slovakia	8	2	2	4	5	8	8
Azerbaijan	7	1	0	6	4	25	3

Remaining matches: Sept 8 - France v Azerbaijan, Oct 10 - Israel v Azerbaijan, Slovakia v Poland, Oct 11 - Romania v France, Nov 14 - Azerbaijan v Poland, Slovakia v Romania, Nov 15 - France v Israel.

Chisox slugger Robin Ventura hits two grand slams

ARLINGTON (AP) — Robin Ventura became the eighth player in major league history and the first in 25 years to hit two grand slams in one game when he connected in the fourth and fifth innings during the Chicago White Sox road win over the Texas Rangers 14-3 on Monday.

Ventura, who tied the club record with eight RBIs, broke the game open with his first grand slam off reliever Dennis Cook. It was the sixth of his career to establish a franchise record and it gave the White Sox an 8-2 lead.

Ventura added his second grand slam of the night, and career-high 25th homer, off reliever Danny Darwin.

MONDAY'S AL RESULTS: New York 13, Seattle 3; Detroit 3, Cleveland 2; California 5, Baltimore 3; Minnesota 9, Milwaukee 4; Toronto 6, Kansas City 1 (lat); Kansas City 9, Toronto 7 (2nd); Chicago 14, Texas 3.

MONDAY'S NL RESULTS: Chicago 2, Colorado 6; Cincinnati 6, Houston 1; San Francisco 2, Montreal 1; Florida 7, Pittsburgh 3; Atlanta 6, St. Louis 5; San Diego 2, New York 1 (10); Los Angeles 5, Philadelphia 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
Club	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	74	6	.921	
New York	60	20	.750	14.5
Baltimore	50	30	.625	24.5
Toronto	44	36	.550	30.5
Detroit	40	40	.500	34.5

Central Division				
Club	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	62	27	.693	
Kansas City	61	28	.685	.5
Minnesota	58	31	.658	1.5
Chicago	54	35	.607	5.5
Minnesota	45	43	.511	15.5

West Division				
Club	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	69	15	.820	
Seattle	61	23	.726	8.5
Texas	59	25	.702	10.5
Oakland	59	25	.702	10.5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
Club	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	75	44	.625	
Philadelphia	61	30	.670	14
Montreal	58	33	.635	17.5
Florida	58	33	.635	17.5
New York	52	39	.569	23

Central Division				
Club	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	74	45	.622	
Chicago	61	29	.678	13.5
Houston	61	29	.678	13.5
Pittsburgh	51	39	.565	23.5
St. Louis	50	40	.556	24.5

West Division				
Club	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	63	28	.691	
Colorado	62	29	.684	.5
San Diego	59	30	.663	2.5
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Burg gives PM Jewish Agency restructure plan

JACOB DALLAL

JEWISH Agency Chairman Avraham Burg yesterday presented Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin with his plan for restructuring the agency and cutting \$500 million from its budget.

The proposal calls for the cuts to take place over the next five years by having the government take over certain areas the agency currently funds and by cutting those the government will not adopt.

"A framework has been accepted for the coming years to bring back financial stability and to make the agency more relevant for Israeli society and the Jewish people," Burg said.

He refused to specify which programs the agency would no longer handle, or whether agency employees would be fired.

However he did say that immigrant absorption, particularly absorption centers and olim organizations, and agency educational programs for Israelis would be the first areas the for government take over.

Burg said he discussed the plan with Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, both of whom attended the meeting with Rabin.

In the coming weeks, their ministries will work out details of what projects they are willing to take over.

The Finance Ministry said that the 1996 budget has already been approved, so the government cannot fund any agency operations next year.

Tzaban said that there is no agreement whatsoever as to which programs his ministry might take over.

Burg introduced his plan to the agency board of governors in a marathon 13-hour session on Monday.

There was agreement that the budget needed to be reduced, but the question remained where exactly the cuts would be made.

Burg described the meeting as very emotional, with heads of some departments at times breaking into tears.

"Everyone agrees the cuts need to be made, the question is whose ox is gored," said Charles Goodman, the board's chairman.

Agency treasurer Hanan Ben-Yehuda explained that the agency has run into budgetary problems because while its activity remains high, funding has not kept pace.

Ben-Yehuda said the \$900 million collected in Operation Exodus in the early 1990s for absorption of Soviet and Ethiopian olim has been used up.

Israel continues to receive 70,000 olim annually from the former Soviet Union and 10,000 from the rest of the world, he said.

The agency will also start to look for donors within Israel as well.

"There's no reason the Israelis shouldn't participate in these projects. Charity begins at home, and I think the sooner we get started the better," he said.

'Beilin's remarks still hurt Agency fund-raising'

JACOB DALLAL

ECONOMICS Minister Yossi Beilin's comment, made over a year ago, that Israel no longer needs Diaspora financial help has caused serious damage to Jewish Agency fund-raising efforts, with its effects still being felt today, Charles Goodman, chairman of the agency's board, said yesterday.

He also announced the agency's intention raise an additional \$230 million over the next five years to make up for a sag in donations in recent years.

"In the last year or two, people from abroad have been saying they need the money for activities in their communities. And they bring up Beilin's statement," said Hanan Ben-Yehuda, the agency's treasurer.

"People thought they were doing something wonderful for a wonderful place; his view that the contributions are not needed, did not go over very well with those who thought to donate," Goodman added. "In reducing the sense of need, he caused permanent damage [to fund-raising efforts]."

Not only were the comments detrimental to the United Jewish Appeal's ability to collect money for Israel, it also effected the contributions for local Jewish projects in the Diaspora.

Israel, Goodman said, serves as the rallying cry for donations, without which Jews abroad would lose the incentive to donate all together.

"We must remind ourselves that we have to do our share to help Israel. It is important to our affairs domestically and essential to our hope of continuity as a people," he said.

Palestinian gunman reported killed in zone

A Palestinian gunman was reported to have been killed inside the security zone yesterday.

Reports from Lebanon said he was a member of a joint squad from George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and that of Naif Hawatmeh's Democratic Front.

According to the reports, the squad clashed with IDF troops in the Shuwayyeh area, in the eastern sector of the security zone, yesterday morning, and one of the gunmen was killed. There was no confirmation of any such clash from any other sources.

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Egypt, Israel fail to agree on POW dispute

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt and Israel failed to resolve a dispute yesterday over whether Israel should investigate the killing of Egyptian POWs by Israeli troops during the Sinai Campaign and the Six Day War.

Egypt has insisted that Israel probe the reports that hundreds of prisoners of war were slain in 1956 and 1967 and punish those found responsible. Israel has said atrocities occurred on both sides and that too much time has passed to prosecute.

"I did not promise [an investigation], but I promised to deliberate what has been suggested," Deputy Foreign Minister Eli Dayan said after meeting Egypt's foreign minister.

"We will see the appropriate ways to check this issue and to give all the information that we have to the Egyptians," he said.

Foreign Minister Amr Moussa did not speak after the meeting, but later told Egypt's Middle East News Agency that Egypt still insisted that Israeli account for the killings.

"There has to be an immediate and official investigation since the issue is serious," Moussa said.

Dayan stressed that the killings were random acts of individuals and not policy of the Israeli government at the time.

"Of course, we agree that these acts are intolerable, not acceptable, illegal, and against our morals and against our Jewish values and the values of the state and the army," he said.

"We're speaking of acts of individuals. It is not a crime of state. As you know also under international law, the individuals have their rights and a principle of limitation of time, and we're speaking about a time of 40 years," he told reporters.

Killing of POWs is a violation of the Geneva Conventions, but under international law, Egypt cannot force Israel to investigate.

Egyptian officials have said that if an investigation proves the charges, they expect Israel to take some kind of action.

"If they are to be found guilty, they will be found so in the eyes of the Israeli law, and the Israeli law then will take what action it needs in the case of the guilty person," Egypt's assistant foreign minister, Badr Hamman, said after the meeting.

The IDF has always had as its highest value the proper treatment of POWs, and exceptions are rare to be severely condemned, Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak stressed yesterday.



Private investigator Rafi Friedan in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday, where he was indicted on another 16 counts of wiretapping. He had already been charged with 40 counts. (Hanoach Gritzky/Israel Sun)

Tsur will not testify against Friedan in wiretap case

RAINE MARCUS

YA'ACOV Tsur, the state's witness in the media wiretapping case, will not testify against his former partner, private investigator Rafi Friedan, according to an amended indictment filed yesterday against the latter in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court.

Friedan and Tsur were originally charged on some 40 counts of tapping phones, faxes and cellular phones of media personnel, politicians and businessmen.

In February, Tsur turned state's witness against Ma'ariv publisher and editor Ofer Nimrodi, his security officer David Ronen, lawyer Motti Katz, private investigators and businessmen.

Information he provided led to their arrests and the subsequent indictment of Nimrodi and

Ronen, who were indicted on charges of commissioning wiretaps of senior media personnel and businessmen, and obstructing justice by paying Friedan and Tsur hush-money, via Katz.

In yesterday's amended indictment, in which Friedan was charged with an additional 16 counts of wiretapping, Tsur does not appear as a prosecution witness.

Sources said that the state's witness agreement between Tsur, police and the state attorney states that he would not have to testify against Friedan.

"Ya'acov Tsur does not appear as a prosecution witness and may appear as a defense witness," said Friedan, who added that the

trial will include "long wars." By law anyone who is not listed as a prosecution witness may be summoned by the defense.

Katz, Friedan's former lawyer, is awaiting indictment on charges of obstructing justice and passing on the hush money to the two private investigators.

His new lawyer, Avigdor Feldman, said yesterday that he had not been given prosecution evidence against his client, and that in light of the new charges he would demand such evidence on all counts.

The additional counts include bugging the phones of Yediot Aharanot lawyer Meir Lifa; lawyer Ya'acov Weisroth; Yediot news editor Ruth Ben-Ari; Maj-

Gen. (res.) Eli Za'ira; Ben-Ami Rosenfeld, owner of the Abiv pharmaceuticals company; the faxes of Nisko electronics company; Elco director Gershon Zekind; and accountant Ben Gur.

He is also charged with obstructing justice by asking the director of ECI Telesystems, Ya'acov Rosenbaum, to deny that there had been any contact between the two should he be summoned for questioning.

ECI directors, who gave Friedan and Tsur a sophisticated machine used for tapping cellular phones, were questioned in connection with commissioning wiretapping from the pair to uncover corruption in the air force and Defense Ministry relating to a tender for a high-security installation.

Israeli Arab council heads call on Shahal to stop probe of alleged election bribery by Ben-Eliezer

DAVID RUDGE

ISRAELI Arab council heads yesterday called for an immediate end to investigations into allegations of election bribery on the part of Housing Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer.

According to the allegations, Ben-Eliezer bribed Israeli Arab council heads with offers of improvements in their communities if they voted for Labor candidate Karmel Mayor Adi Eldar in the elections for head of the Central Union of Local Authorities (CULA). Eldar was elected over the Likud incumbent, Lod Mayor Maxim Levy.

"I have complete faith in the police and in the minister [to investigate] and will cease this investigation forthwith because it

hurts us more than it hurts the housing minister," Talba Mayor Rafik Haj-Yihye told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

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"If any one of us or the housing minister is asked to be interviewed by the police, it was decided that we will all go there en masse," said Haj-Yihye.

"The housing minister did not make any bribes, and furthermore the Arab leadership is not a population which takes decisions under pressure or because of bribes."

"This is a racist allegation against the Arab population in general and Arab council heads in particular. We took a collec-

tive decision at the time to change the sleeping leadership of the CULA and we decided to support Adi Eldar.

"I think the police should interview those who created the gap [between Jewish and Arab communities] and the discrimination and not those who for the sake of the State of Israel are trying to bridge those gaps," he said.

Ben-Eliezer, who was a guest of the Haifa and North Journalists Club yesterday, charged that the allegations against him were completely unfounded.

"I did not promise anything other than what we had promised as a party before the elections," said Ben-Eliezer.

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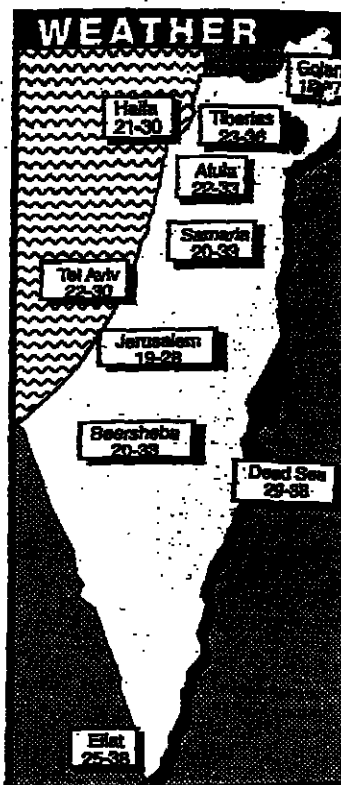
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Winning numbers and cards

In last night's Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 23, 24, 27, 29, 39 and 49, and the additional number was 32.

In yesterday's Mifal Hapais daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the queen of spades, ace of hearts, eight of diamonds, and ace of clubs.

United Kibbutz Movement joins Histadrut

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE United Kibbutz Movement yesterday signed a membership agreement with the Histadrut, thus becoming the largest single group of workers — some 40,000 in 170 kibbutzim — ever to join the labor federation.

UKM sources said that the agreement marks the kibbutz movement's mobilizing en masse behind the Labor Party, with the opening of the party's membership census in preparation for its primary campaign.

The sources noted that the UKM expects the renewed alliance with the Histadrut and Labor to yield it the political and public support it needs in its battle with the banks over the kibbutz debt arrangement.

Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon announced that "this is a vital critical decision, indicating the UKM's desire to become part of the social movement of the workers."

Ramon stated that the Histadrut "will exert its influence on the government and Knesset to solve the problems of the kibbutzim."

Hakibbutz Ha'artzi (Mapam) consisting of some 20,000 members in 85 kibbutzim, had joined the Histadrut several months ago.

According to the agreement, each kibbutz member will pay a monthly membership fee of NIS 20, to be collected by the kibbutz and transferred to the Histadrut via the UKM.

Pensioners and students will pay NIS 10 a month, while kibbutz members working outside the kibbutz will have their membership fees deducted by their employers.

The Histadrut is now formulating a "basket of services" for kibbutz members and has decided to allocate funds to help individual kibbutz members and support the Hanoar Haoved youth movement.